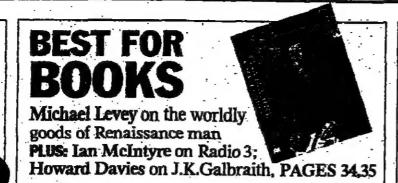
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Tory sceptics hail warning of split

Euro fury as Rifkind joins EMU battle

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND CHARLES BREMNER

BRITAIN'S relations with the European Union were thrown into fresh turmoil yesterday after Europe's leaders responded sharply to a warning from Malcolm Rifleind that the single currency would split the Continent in two.

The Foreign Secretary was praised by leading Conservative Euro-sceptics for stating that the divided European Union that would be created by monetary union was not the aim of its founding fathers. Mr Rifkind was seen by

influential Tories as having strengthened his credentials as a potential future Tory leader by delivering perhaps the strongest signal so far of Cabinet disenchantment with the idea of British participation in a single currency.

That it came from a Foreign Secretary, traditionally a post whose incumbent has been enthusiastic about Europe, intensified the satisfaction of the sceptics last night. John Red-wood voiced delight at Mr Rifkind's words, which were delivered in a speech in Zurich to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Churchill's address on the future of Europe. Currencyunion was a "disaster waiting to happen", said Mr Redwood, and Britain was right to warn

of its dangers. Sir Michael Spicer, another leading Euro-sceptic, said Mr Rifkind's warning that a sin-gle currency would be bad for Europe was "excellent and the tougher we are on that the

David Heathcoat-Amory, who resigned as Paymaster General in July to campaign against Britain's entry into a single currency, said: "Mr Rifkind appears to be re-sponding to the clear mood of the country and recognises that the divisions will be irreparable. But we need now to take practical steps as a matter of urgency, and take the decision not to enter mone-

Mr Rifkind emphasised the growing sense of disillusionment towards the EU across Europe. "We should not proceed down a path of integration faster or further than our people are prepared to go," he said. Those who neglect this maxim fall into the trap of seeing Europe in terms of a state of thinking that we can better achieve our common goals simply by projecting the aspirations and ambitions of individual nations on to an

EU canvas. If monetary union went ahead, around half the existing members and virtually all of the 12 countries seeking membership would be unable to meet the criteria to join the single currency. "Such a divided European Union was not what the founding fathers had in mind," he said. "We will need to give much greater consideration to its implications than has, until now, been

Britain had "an alternative vision" for Europe as a part-nership of nations. "It is a vision based on choosing carefully the stepping stones towards closer co-operation; not jumping blindly towards ever greater integration, flailing for footholds that may prove pre-

unconscious or with serious

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having serious allergic reac-

tions, pregnant women with

severe bleeding, and children

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lar view to heart attack vic-

tims. Doctors have advised the

Department of Health that the

maximum possible time for

electric shock or defibrilator

treatment to be effective is

Mr Dorrell wants the faster

response times to be intro-

duced by ambulance services

nationwide next year. There have already been pilot

schemes in several areas. Tar-

gets for less urgent 999 calls

will continue to be 14 minutes

in urban areas and 19 minutes

But the response time has

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in the country.

carious or illusory." Mr Rifkind's sceptical views on the single currency were clear when John Major appointed him Foreign Secretary to re-place Douglas Hurd.

Even though he has been traditionally associated with the centre-left of the party, his stand on monetary union will increase his attractiveness to the right if a compromise candidate is sought during a leadership election. Another is Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

But Mr Rifkind upset European politicians already braced for Britain to pull back from the Florence agreement that ended the beef war.

Jacques Santer, the Comission President, told Euro MPs that the single currency "now has to be seen to be inevitable" and would emerge on target on January I, 1999. "We are on the way to an unprecedented success in the history of European integra tion, indeed in the history of Europe itself." But he at-tacked Britain and other states, which he accused of slowing down the moves.

Mr Santer used a "State of the Union" address to the European Parliament to voice the growing alarm felt in Brussels over the near stagnant state of negotiations to review the Maastricht treaty. His thinking was backed by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, whose country is one of the most Euro-enthusiastic in the Union.

John Redwood, page 16



Diana's secret flight to funeral

By ALAN HAMILTON

DIANA, Princess of Wales slipped out of Britain yesterday to attend the funeral in Greece of a man she had befriended during a series of private visits to sick and dying patients in a London hospital.

The Princess, dressed in black, attended the burial yesterday afternoon of Yannis Kaliviotis, 27, a law graduate, at a church in Limni on the Leading article, page 17 island of Evvoia, near Athens. She left RAF

Northolt at 7.30am on a private jet, with her office at Kensington Palace insisting that she was going on a private holiday.

She was accompanied by Susie Kassem, a close friend who has associations with the Royal Brompton and who was largely responsible for introducing the Princess to the hospital and the work of Dr Magdi Yacoub, the heart surgeon, whose patient Mr Kaliviotis was. The party also included Sister "Lizzie" Elizabeth, a Continued on page 2. col 7

it through the party. Today's intervention, com-

Cook tribute seeks to unite Labour left behind Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR will be given an important boost today when Robin Cook, leader of the Labour left, delivers a warm tribute to his leadership and calls on the party to fall in behind him.

The move, clearly designed to steady party nerves ahead of what may be a difficult conference this month, comes amid rumblings among unions and the left about Mr Blair's style and long-term

With all parties gearing up for the autumn political battle, Mr Blair yesterday went on the offensive, challenging John Major to a television debate about which party occupies the high moral ground in Britain. Tonight, at a forum in

London organised by The Times and Dillons, he will answer questions about his vision for Britain and current party developments.

The Shadow Foreign Secretary will be making a speech in Leeds about restoring Britain's international influence.

But, after the turmoil at the end of the TUC conference last week over Labour's union links and the call by a leading "socialism" from party vocabulary. Mr Cook has decided to include a passage backing the direction in which Mr Blair is taking the party.

It will be regarded as of considerable significance by the leadership. Mr Cook, initially sceptical about Mr Blair's decision to change Clause 4, became a committed convert to the idea and played an influential role in pushing

ng after complaints from activists that Mr Blair is pushing the party too fast, will be seen in the same light. The Labour leader, after a trouble-

possible defeats on pensions, the minimum wage, child benefit and defence spending.

But Mr Cook will call on the party to lift its sights to leaving behind the "barren and ultimately futile land of Opposition". He will say Labour values are eternal but must be applied in new ways to changing circumstances. He will argue that because Labour under Mr Blair has had the courage to face up to change it has earned people's trust. Mr Blair's challenge to Mr

to tape this

Major came after the Prime Minister, in a BBC interview resterday morning, argued the moral case for tax cuts, a theme that he expanded in a

speech last night.

But Mr Major was noncommittal about entering a debate with Mr Blair, saying that he would not participate in soundbite debates or "a simple trivial, televised

Mr Blair went on lunchtime BBC radio to insist that morality was about education, the homeless and the unemployed rather than taxation.

eight-minute target

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR PROPOSALS for a two-tier also apply to those who are

ambulance service requiring crews to respond to priority calls within eight minutes could save 3,200 lives a year. Heart attack victims and serious road casualties will benefit most from the new fast-response service being sought by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. The propos-als are included in a White Paper today on the Citizen's Charter, which sets out the

the next five years. Ambulance control staff in future will screen emergency calls for "life-threatening conditions" that require medical care within eight minutes. This new rapid response will

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Ambulances to get | South Korea on alert after | submariners are killed

BY ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SOUTH Korea's navy and air force were on full alert last night after 11 North Koreans from a stranded submarine were found dead during what appeared to be a bungled infiltration operation. A twelfth man was arrested and hunt was under way for

The South Korean Defence Ministry said 20 infiltrators were thought to have landed near the east coast town of Kangnung yesterday when their submarine hit a rock a few yards offshore.

Eleven bodies were later found in nearby mountains, possibly killed by their leader, who then committed suicide. "One of the dead infiltrators had a gun on him and we think he killed himself after shooting the others," a Defence Ministry spokesman said. Yesterday there were No 10 opens doors, page 9 reports of an exchange of

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gunfire between South Korean forces and two infiltrators,

who fled afterwards. A twelfth man who was captured identified himself as Lee Kwan Su, 31, and said 20 people had been in the submarine. They were put ashore yesterday when the 325-tonne vessel broke down just off the beach. He told interrogators that the submarine drifted into South Korean waters



after developing engine trouble, television news reports

However, there was also speculation that the submarine could have been sent to pick up an agent or drop spies. There were signs that the men had fled in panic from the submarine, with weapons and ammunition abandoned in the vessel and personal belong-ings scattered along a road. Soldiers searching the sub-marine found a piece of paper

with the slogan: "We will accomplish the mission without fail," as well as weapons, ammunition and grenades. Since the Korean War ended in 1953, North Korea has regularly infiltrated spies and launched commando raids against the south. The two states have still not signed a peace treaty.

Photograph, page 22

Mob kills **Briton** in Croatia

A BRITISH soldier serving with Nato-led forces in Bosnia has died after being set upon by a Croatian mob wielding baseball buts and iron bars. Private Simon Jeans, 25, who was married with a 20month-old son and serving with the Implementation

Force in Sarajevo, had just run a charity marathon in Split to raise money for children made homeless by war in the former Yugoslavia. Private Jeans, who was

from Basingstoke, Hampshire, was celebrating on Sunday with four other soldiers after completing the run when they were asked to leave a bar and attacked by a crowd of about 30 locals. He suffered a fractured skull and died later at Frimley Park military hospital in Surrey.

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PARTIES may soon go with a phut, if a revolutionary new champagne cork

catches on. The cork is designed to remove the risk and most of the excitement from opening a bottle of champagne. Anxious bystanders may breathe easy as a

ordinary one, reports New Scientist. save for a tab on the side. When tugged this pulls a tiny peg inside the cork upwards, reducing the girth of the cork side the bottle.

At the same time, a hole opens in the base of the cork's mushroom-shaped top, releasing gas from the neck of the bottle. The wire brace which holds the cork in place can then be removed and gentle whisper of escaping gas replaces cork in place can then be remove the volcanic eruption of a traditional the deflated cork easily pulled.

old folk who enjoy champagne but find the opening of the bottle a daunting experience, says Philippe Bienvenue, sales director of Cattier, a champagne house which is giving the new cork a

A secondary advantage is that the cork can be replaced in the bottle,

unlike a traditional one. Its inventor,

Jacques Pitoux, says that the bottle can

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Jane MacQuitty, the Times wine correspondent, was sceptical that the new design would catch on. The velocity of a champagne cork can be impressive," she says. "It can take your eye out. But the producers would have to be completely certain the new design would work, and wouldn't just create

new problems. I should think it would

still be popped in the usual way - if the SPORT36-42, 44 BODY AND MIND14 BOOKS34-35

also be quite expensive."

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Britain and the world. The man you can trust. The less appealing side is the partisan politician - the permanent Young Conservative - who is constantly expressing outrage about his opponents and regarding as unfair any criticism of him and the Government. The former is more appealing for those of us who like their

To be honest, John, please spare us the moralising doubt, while the latter appeals more to the committed. Both sides — the reasonable and the prickly - were in evidence yesterday in Mr Major's Today programme interview and in his Spectator lecture. Mr Major was wrong to invoke morality in the debate over the size of government.

Of course, if you are talking about a state that was so dominant and pervasive as the old East European regimes, or as North Korea still is, it is a moral issue since basic human freedoms are involved. But, as Mr Major admitted, Britain is now in the middle of the international range of public

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spending. It is nonsense to pretend that the choice between public spending at just over 40 per cent of national income or nearer 35 per cent is about morality rather than efficiency and equality. It is anyway a bit rich for the Tories to talk about morality given the Government's own patchy record on public spending in the early 1990s

Mr Major offered a solid defence of what the Government has done in social security. privatisation and deregulation. Private ownership has transformed standards in former state industries. Ahead of today's Citizen's Charter White Paper, he fairly pointed to changes in the culture of public services and their responsiveness to consumers. Labour has been catching up with these changes. The partisan Major always

dislikes suggestions that the main parties are closer together than before. The instincts of many Tory and Labour MPs over the size of government certainly differ. But what he fails to acknowledge is how

rowing the differences in what governments can do. After all, Mr Major explicitly rejected the minimalist state and accepted that the state should have responsibility not just for defence and the police, but also for "universal access to a taxpayer-funded health service and to provide every child with the choice of a statefunded education. And other areas are self-evident, such as the welfare safety net."

But, as Kenneth Clarke has repeatedly argued, the acceptance of these commitments makes it hard to reduce public spending much below 40 per

Tory, and now a few Labour. policymakers accept that alter-native sources of finance will have to be found if the demand for high quality public ser-vices is to be satisfied without raising taxes. That is already occurring in pensions and higher education, but it will have to happen in other areas such as long-term care for the elderly, road tolls and education vouchers. The real debate should be about these issues, and welfare reform. The Tories do have a case. But spare us the moralising.

PETER RIDDELL

Motions from Tory grassroots vent fury at Europe

By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TENSIONS over Europe dominate next month's Tory party conference agenda with the powers of the EU taking over from taxation as the priority issue of the rank-and-

file for the first time. All but a handful of the 200 motions submitted for the foreign affairs debate strongly support the Euro-sceptics in their battles to curb moves towards a federal Europe. Only a minority criticise the Euro-rebels for undermining the Prime Minister, according to the agenda which was

published yesterday.

A motion from the Foreign
Secretary's Edinburgh Pentlands association says: "This conference wishes to remind the Government that in 1973 the British people voted to join an economic union not a political one." Malcolm Rifkind will be replying to the

Conservative Central Office strategists have deliberately timed the debate for the start of Wednesday's business so that it will not be carried live by BBC Television. Conference managers will attempt to stage-manage the debate by ensuring that the motion chosen is in praise of the Government's handling of foreign issues.

many of the 150 motions, most of which urge Kenneth Clarke to cut taxes before an election, Europe features with repeated criticism of any moves to-

wards a single currency, which the Chancellor backs. Many associations for the first time demand outright withdrawal from the EU. Others call for a repatriation of powers from Brussels and opting out from the European Court of Justice. One Tory Euro-sceptic MP said last night: The activists are the true voice of the Conservative Party which the leadership

will ignore at its peril."

The anticipated anger over BSE has not materialised. The rank-and-file turn their fire on the common agricultural poli-cy in the food, farming and fisheries debate.

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Major rules out extra student fee

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John Major has ruled out making students pay private tuition fees for higher education. University vicechanceliors are expected to propose a national fee system and much larger loans at their annual conference in Sheffield today. But Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said yesterday that she expected the Government to continue paying fees for full-time courses and her comments are believed to reflect the unshakeable view of the Prime Minister.

It is a clear signal to Sir Ron Dearing's committee of inquiry into the future of higher education. Labour leaders have also ruled out charging for tuition. A spokesman for the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals said: Further expansion of higher education with quality cannot be achieved by Government subsidy alone."

Gold inquiry welcomed

Malcolm Rifkind yesterday welcomed the establishment by Switzerland of an official inquiry into its financial dealings with the Nazis during the Second World War. The Foreign Secretary said the gold transfers were a matter of considerable international interest. Officals in London denied that Britain planned to hand the 5,000kg of gold in the Bank of England over to Holocaust victims or their families instead of claimant governments.

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McDonald's pulls out

Plans by Michael Portillo's constituency party to sell its offices in north London to McDonald's for a drive-through burger restaurant collapsed last night after the fast-food chain pulled out of the deal, citing "commercial reasons". The Defence Secretary had been criticised by constituents in Enfield Southgate after he refused to take sides in the disputed development. McDonald's said it would withdraw a planning application which had gone to appeal.

Training for judges

Senior judges as well as 30,000 magistrates are to undergo training as part of an expanded programme outlined by the Judicial Studies Board yesterday. The board plans to extend its training programme, which may include racial and "human awareness" courses, beyond circuit and district judges to include the 96 High Court judges. Lord Justice Henry, board chairman, said that not enough had been done in the training of the High Court judiciary.

Asda chief on Tory list

Archie Norman, the millionaire head of the Asda supermarket chain, has reached the shortlist of contenders seeking selection as the Tory candidate for Tunbridge Wells. The winner will be chosen tonight from Mr Norman, 42 Sarah Whitehouse, a barrister and Professor Philip Treleaven, a former Tory Euro-seat candidate. Roy Thomason. Tory MP for Bromsgrove, said last night that he will not seek reselection at the general election.

Church fights sex abuse

The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland is to make big changes in the way it deals with child sex abuse by priests. Church leaders said there would be "no cover-ups" any allegations being immediately referred to police and social services. Each of the eight dioceses will have one or two childcare officers whose telephone numbers will be widely publicised. An independent co-ordinator will have authority

Breakout trial halted

The trial of six men accused of breaking out of Whitemoor prison in Cambridgeshire two years ago was halted yesterday. Discharging the jury at Woolwich Crown Court, southeast London, Judge Maurice Kay said he had made the decision for "legal reasons". Peter Sherry. 31, Liam O'Duibhir. 34, Liam McCotter, 33, Gilbert McNamee, 36, Paul Magee. 48. and Andrew Russell. 34. all deny breaking out of prison and possessing a firearm.

Birds face tide of change

Migrating birds could be threatened by rising sea levels which will flood the estuaries on which they depend, a report claims. Millions of migrating waders and wildfowl use British estuaries to rest and feed on their way to and from northern breeding grounds. The Solway Firth and the Wash are among 15 sites around the world identified as being under threat in the report released in Britain yesterday by the World Wide Fund for Nature.

politicians with a touch of self-Major takes dig at Blair over moral high ground

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair last night fought for the "moral high ground" as the Prime Minister defined this as a key battleground in the runup to the general election.

In a lecture in London last night. Mr Major put the case for tax cuts and a smaller state as he argued that govern-ments should interfere less and allow people to take more responsibility for the money they spent. Seeking to underline a "sharp divide" with Labour, he argued that it was not moral to impose the social chapter, or the minimum

wage.
But Mr Blair insisted that morality was about education. the homeless, the unemployed and safer streets, rather then taxation. It was not a question of how much should be spent, but on where it should go.

Mr Major claimed that there was a difference between the Tories' instinct to reduce the role of the state and Labour's instinct to expand it. Government should not meddle where it was not needed. "I don't want my personal choices made for me by the Trust the people' is an old Conservative battle cry.

"It must be central to our future policies. We aim to regulate less of people's lives. So we aim to tax and spend an even smaller share of what

people earn," he added.

Mr Major has been concerned that Mr Blair has repeatedly used the moral argument to boost his own theories and aides admitted the speech was a conscious attempt to redress this. "Moral is a word i usually prefer to leave to the Church but it is apt for what I intend to say." said Mr Major.

"For example, is it moral to take from individuals the right to make personal decisions? I think not. Is it moral to impose obligations on employers like the social chapter and the minimum wage that will cost

jobs and prevent those without jobs from getting them? Again. I think not." He added: "It is that moral

view, just as much as economics, that leads me to the conviction that the state should progressively disen-gage and do less — but that what it does it should do well." Mr Major tried to preempt criticism of tax cuts as election

bribes and of the Tories as uncaring. "I reject the muddled thinking that says a smaller state must be uncar-ing. And I reject the thinking that equates big government with benevolent government." He said that his main objective was still to bring

public spending - now at 41 per cent of national wealth down to below 40 per cent. He also reaffirmed that the Tories intended to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax. In an earlier interview. Mr Blair said that he accepted the business of government was a

moral issue, but he criticised Mr Major for focusing on tax. Mr Blair said that Britain was spending a large amount on welfare and social failure, but money was not being invested for the future.

"I agree those are moral issues, but the question is whether the Government has had the right approach to them for the past 16 or 17 years. I don't quite know what the word moral adds to the argument," he said. "I certainly believe it is a matter of great public interest as to whether we are spending money on the

Mr Blair said that if the Tories were talking about moral resolve they should concentrate on education, unemployment homelessness and making the streets safer. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said that people would be "astonished at the double standards of a Prime Minister who calls for the moral case for low tax vet was responsible for 22 tax rises".



French farmers protesting yesterday over paying for the disposal of dead cows

Brussels to study forecast that BSE will disappear

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

announced last night it was taking a second look at the Oxford study which found that "mad cow" disease would disappear naturally within five years.

The decision, welcomed by Downing Street and Agricul-ture Ministry officials, means that the Government could be persuaded today to draw back from a new confrontation with Brussels over beef. Ministers had been to announce today that they were abandoning the planned slaughter of 147,000 cows thought to be most at risk from BSE. it having been concluded that there was no chance of the move being endorsed by MPs. The cull was agreed after lears emerged that the human brain disease CJD could be linked to CJD.

Last night's conciliatory

move from the Commission is

ael Forsyth, the Scottish Secre-tary, will argue at today's Cabinet committee meeting for a special effort to lift the ban on the export of Scottish beef. Farmers in Scotland feel they are being unfairly treated because many of their herds have no history of BSE.

informed sources said that the Prime Minister and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, now accepted that it would be impossible to get the planned cattle cull through the Commons. Today they will welcome the fact that the Commission is looking again at the scientific evidence and ex-press hope that it will eventually agree that the cull is no longer necessary. The Commission's change

of heart was designed to avoid a confrontational announce-

THE European Commission likely to mean a "pause for ment in London today. Franz announced last night it was thought", officials said. Michfor Agriculture, said that the Oxford study, which sets out a range of options for eradicating BSE, was a "serious" and "constructive" document.

Twenty-four hours earlier he had told Mr Hogg that it made no difference to the terms of the selective slaughter programme agreed with Mr Major at the European summit in Florence in June. Sir Leon Brittan had urged his fellow commissioners to look more closely at the details. The British commissioner said last night: "The Commission is not unsympathetic to Britain's predicament. It considers the Oxford study a constructive and serious piece of work and is anxious to pass it to the experts. The Commission is open-minded on the implica-tions for the extended cull."

Princess

Continued from page 1 nun who regularly works at the hospital among the termi-

nally ill.
When she arrived on
Evvoia, the Princess visited
the parents of Mr Kaliviotis 12 hours standby time Backlit display and and then attended the funeral service at the village church. Friends of the Princess said Desktop charger last night that she had first normally £99,99 met Mr Kaliviotis, who died of cystic fibrosis, nearly two years ago while he was a

patient at the Royal Brompton Hospital in southwest London. Officials of the Royal Brompton last night refused to confirm that the Princess had mer Mr Kaliviotis there. "We operate an open visiting policy, and Diana has from time to time paid private visits to friends receiving treatment here. The Princess is always most welcome," a spokes-

woman said. The purpose of the Princess's journey was disclosed yesterday by the Athens newspaper Eleftheros Typos, which reported that Mr Kaliviotis had come to England for surgery, and the Princess had become interested in him. "When he returned to Greece she asked about his health, so when he lost his life she decided to come to the

functal," the newspaper said. Five years ago the Princess flew from Balmoral to attend the funeral of Adrian Ward-Jackson, a former governor of the Royal Ballet, who died of Aids, aged 41. She had visited him six times in hospital during his final illness; before his death Mr Ward-Jackson had drawn up an invitation list for his own funeral, and

had included the Princess.

Rethink on 'bad hair' campaign

BY RUTH GLEOHILL. RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England is to review its advertising strategy after widespread criticism of the "bad hair day" Christmas campaign.

Two dioceses have banned the £22,000 campaign, condemning it as destructive and unintelligible. Church leaders are concerned that the Churches Advertising Net work, which dreamt up the posters, is not accountable to the General Synod or any

archbishop.
The Lichfield and Winches ter dioceses are to boycott the posters, which feature three kings and have the slogar.
"Bad hair day?! You're 2 virgin, you've just given birth and now three kings have shown up. Find out the happy

ending at a church near you." Church leaders are objecting because one of the kings wears a crucifix, even though Christmas occurred 30 years before the Crucificion. The kings themselves are symbols of Epiphany, which takes place two weeks after

Christmas. In a letter to the Rev Richard Thomas, of the Churches Advertising Network, the Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, says that the poster had been rested in the diocese and found "mappropriate and unusable". He says colleagues had found it to be "simply crude, ridiculous"

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Lucan 'friend' recalls life of crime

I was the Raffles of 1960s, accused tells Old Bailey

A CONVICTED blackmailer accused of organising a £20 million kidnap and murder plot from his prison cell boasted yesterday that he was a modern-day Raffles who had used high-society connections to "liberate" objets d'art from the homes of the rich and

Sacheverelle De Houghton happily admitted to an Old Bailey jury a string of past offences while depicting him-self as a colourful criminal whose friends had included Lord Lucan and the club owner John Aspinall. But he denied having concocted the kidnapping and killing of a wealthy businessman.

At one stage De Houghton, 56, was asked about an appearance at Southwark Crown Court in 1984 for handling "a superb set" of don, he said: "As I recall, your lordship was prosecuting on that occasion - when you were a lean and hungry law yer." The judge replied: "As I recall, you pleaded guilty." De Houghton said: "I have always pleaded guilty because I don't believe in wasting the court's time. I have pleaded not guilty on this occasion

because I am innocent." De Houghton is accused of hatching a plot, while serving a prison sentence for blackmail, to kidnap a "phenomen-ally wealthy" businessman, known only as G, and to take him to a remote Scottish island. It is alleged that the man would then have been tortured and killed, but not before persuading his office to hand over £20 million.

De Houghton told the court: My life in crime began when

came down from Oxford University. I took the Civil Service entrance exams and came in fourteenth nationally. Like a lot of bright young things from Oxford I joined the Foreign Office, which I soon regretted. At the time I was involved with the Lord Lucan and John Aspinall set and got heavily involved in gambling, playing roulette and blackjack, both at Oxford

and in London. "John Aspinall and I opened Crockfords in Mayfair together. Under the influence of

6 I would drive around in a Rolls-Royce and liberate objets d'art - rather a lot of them ?

Lucky Lucan I became a very good poker player. I won a lot of money. Unfortunately I lost a lot too. To my eternal regret I became involved in criminal matters to pay off my gam-bling debts." Continuing his criminal resume. De Houghton described himself as a "deb's delight" who had often been invited to aristocratic parties in the early 1960s. "I would pull on a pair of black gloves and liberate the odd piece of jade. I was a sort of Raffles. I would drive around in a Rolls-Royce and liberate objets d'art. I liberated rather a lot of them.

He said that from 1963 onwards he was in and out of prison but, by behaving himself, always got early parole. He described an alleged esca-pade in which he laundered \$2.5 million stolen from a sheikh at Heathrow in 1977. "I managed to keep £250,000 for myself and served two and a half years. £100,000 a year wasn't bad money in 1977."

He claimed that he had used violence only once. That was during a blackmail plot in 1992, for which he is currently in prison, and which the prosecution alleges was the blueprint for his plot against

Explaining that offence, De Houghton said: "I lost £30,000 when the BCCI collapsed. I was setting up a deal of Russian icons and I just lost my sense of balance. I was under a great deal of financial ressure and I just flipped ... remorse ever since."

The prosecution alleges that De Houghton, serving ten years for the 1992 abduction offence, planned to murder Mr G by having him injecting him with heroin once the £20 million ranson had been secured. From his cell, De Houghton allegedly negotiated the purchase of a castle on the Hebridean island of Coll, where the businessman was to have been held.

The plot is said to have been uncovered after Everton Morrison, his alleged accomplice, approached an undercover policeman while searching for men to carry out the kidnap. De Houghton denies con-

spiring with Mr Morrison to kidnap and murder. He also denies inciting Mr Morrison the bomb and then commit to kidnap and murder. The ted suicide. American police trial continues.



yesterday that she feared for the safety of her nine year old son after police intercepted an acid bomb addressed to her. Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch and the Royal Mail were alerted to the device by American police after a fan in Florida videotaped himself making

to pop star

urity, the Icelandic singer said she was more concerned for her son, Sindri, than for herself. Police near Miami found the body of Rieardo Lopez this week with a camsaid that the bomb could have killed. Speaking outside her home in west London, Bjork, 30. said: "I'm just very sad era pointed at it. The tape inside recorded his suicide that a man has done that. I with the Bjork song I Miss shouldn't take me too literally You in the background.

Queen's bodyguard faces sack for assault on driver

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE career of one of the Queen's police bodyguards lay in ruins last night after a jury convicted him of a "road rage" assault on a woman.

PC Stephen Dunsdon, 49, a member of Scotland Yard's Royalty and Diplomatic Pro-tection Squad since 1983, will face a disciplinary board and dismissal from the force. His ten-minute fit of uncontrolled anger on a London street after cars could also lead to freezing of the pension he was due to draw next year after 25 years'

The officer, who injured Carolyn Verguson, 22, when he flung open his car door and struck her as she tapped on his window to ask his name and number, was convicted of assault after a three-day trial at Southwark Crown Court.

Dunsdon, of New Ash Green, Kent, described in court as the "last line of defence" for the Royal Family, carried out armed corridor patrols outside royal bed-rooms, including the Queen's, at the three London palaces. In 1983 he received a commendation when he disarmed a deranged man who had attacked a member of the royal household with a knife outside the gates of Buckingham

Judge Butler, QC, told Dunsdon that he had escaped a jail sentence by a "hair's breadth". But he said: "This assault will lead to your dismissal from the police force and as a consequence large financial loss." The judge ordered him to pay £500 compensation to his victim.

The officer was being driven to Buckingham Palace by his brother, PC Nicholas Dunsdon, when their 2CV Citroen gave a glancing blow to a Kia car containing three postal workers in The Highway, east



Richard: told friends he would take drugs

Head boy died using drugs in nightclub

A SCHOOL head boy died four days after he appar-ently experimented with drugs for the first time, despite pleas from friends not to take the risk.

Richard Mulkerrrins, 17, may have taken Ecstasy after disappearing for 20 minutes during a rave at Blondz nightclub in Plymouth. Friends saw the Alevel student and promising sculptor emerge from the lavatories delirious and disoriented at midnight on Friday.

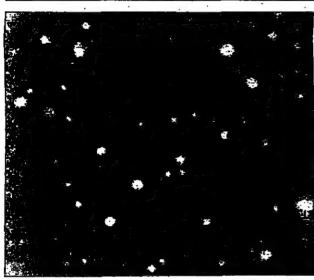
He collapsed soon afterwards and was taken to hospital, where his liver and kidneys failed. He died on Tuesday morning in an ambulance on his way to a liver transplant operation at King's College Hospital in London

Three friends at Stoke Damerel Community College in Plymouth told police that, while queueing for the rave, the athletic, powerfully built student told them that he intended to try amphetamines on his first night out for two and a half months.

Detective Inspector Norman Brown, of Devon and Cornwall Police, said: "From our inquiries it is clear Richard was not a drug user. It looks as if this is a case of someone experimenting for the first time. ular, about the case of Leah Betts and told him it was silly to try drugs. But obviously he did not listen."

It is unclear if Richard took Ecstasy or amphetamines but, as an inexperienced user, he would not have known the difference, Mr Brown said. A week earlier a girl was arrested at the same nightclub with 150 Ecstasy tablets.

Richard's mother, Teresa, 36, said she believed that dealers at the club had forced him to take drugs or had spiked his drinks.



Infra-red pictures show universe may never end

Ancient galaxies promise endless future

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

GALAXIES formed much earlier than previously supposed, astronomers at Durham University have discovered. By studying with three telescopes the most distant galaxies. they conclude that galaxy formation took place when the universe was about 20 to 30 per cent of its present

The result tends to support the idea that the universe is "open" - that is, contains too little matter to prevent it expanding for ever. The astronomers responsible are reluctant to accept this conclusion, which runs counter to

their preferred cosmological theories.

The team of Nigel Metcalfe, Tom

Shanks, Ana Campos, Dick Fong and Jon Gardner have examined images of the faintest galaxies ever seen, taken by the Hubble space telescope and by two ground-based instruments, the William Herschel telescope in the Canaries and the UK Infrared Telescope in Hawaii.

These images show countless faint galaxies, which tend to be blue, suggesting that they contain newly formed stars. Older collections of stars tend to be red.

The Durham team used informa-tion about the colour of the galaxies to estimate their red-shift - the amount by which their light spectrum is shifted in wavelength - and hence how far away they are. In Nature, they report that the faint blue galaxies are

at a red-shift of 2, which implies they are very far away indeed. The light from them has taken about 10 hillion years to reach us.

The implications of the finding are that the bulk of the galaxies and the stars they contain formed early in the history of the universe, perhaps three to five billion years after the Big

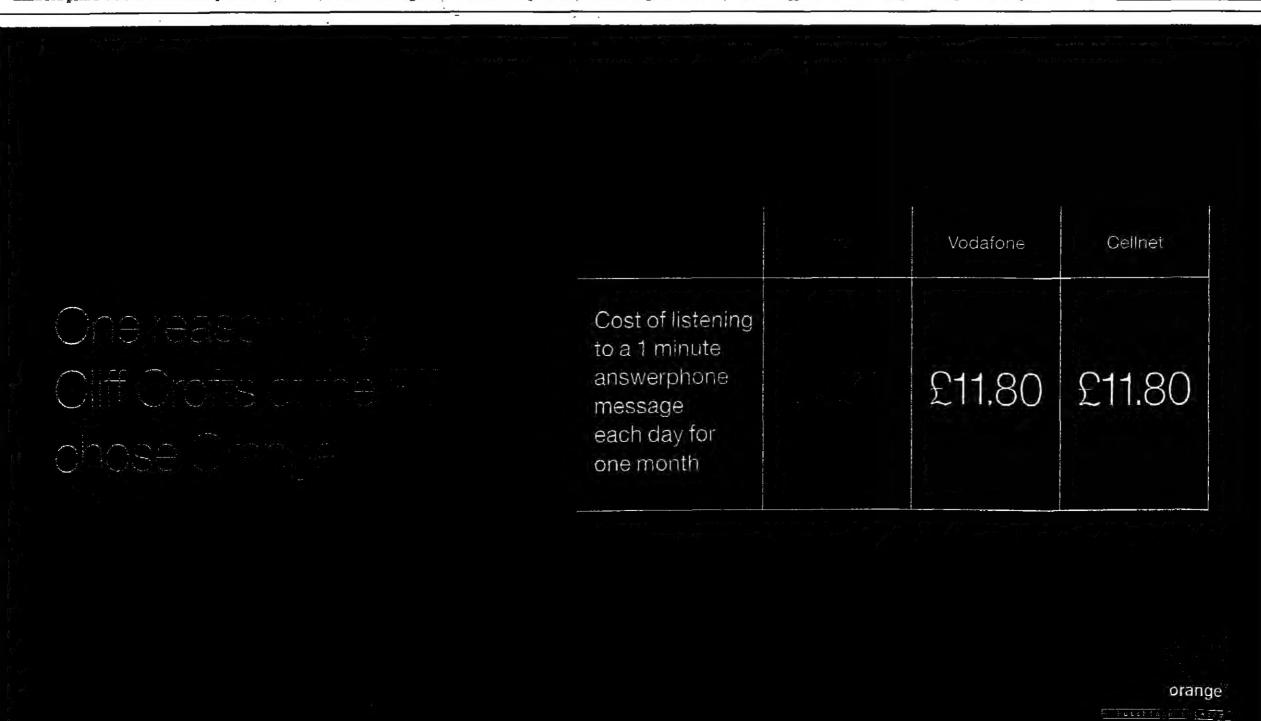
To a simple observer, admits Dr Shanks, that suggests that the universe does not really contain as much matter as he would like. "If there was a lot of matter, then it would have gone on clumping and forming galaxies right up to the present day," he says. That doesn't appear to have

happened."
The data suggest that there was only

on and that it later became so spread out that it could no longer clump into them. But that in turn implies that there will not be enough matter around to slow down and reverse the universe's expansion, which will go on for ever.

enough matter to form galaxies early

For a variety of reasons - some of them, Dr Shanks admits, almost metaphysical - cosmologists prefer a model in which there is just enough matter eventually to stop expansion. "I have the usual cosmologist's bias towards this model and would like it to be true," he says. The evidence of this study is, however, far from conclusive. There are a number of ways in which the data could be massaged to fit the preferred model.



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Gift to Wallace Collection will help London's 'hidden jewel' to renovate building and attract public

Anonymous benefactor gives £2.5m to art gallery

has given £2.5 million to the Wallace Collection, enabling the London gallery to seek a lottery grant for expansion in the knowledge that it already possesses its required share of the costs.

The museum wants to transform the basement of Hertford House in Manchester Square into galleries, a public library and a lecture theatre; a courtyard will become a sculpture garden with a restaurant. The scheme will cost £10 million, but the gallery is now in the happy position of already having the 25 per cent of funds it must contribute if the grant is approved. The gallery, one of the art world's better-kept secrets, hopes that the scheme will help it to attract more visitors.

The gift has been made Christie's. Two months ago, an "important" client approached the chairman, Lord Hindlip, for advice on which of three national institutions he should choose to make a donation. Lord Hindlip suggested the Wallace, partly because it was where he first developed his OWN passion for art.

A collection he described as "London's hidden jewel" boasts important French, Dutch and Italian Masters, including Fragonard, Rembrandt, Rubens and Titian. Many visitors head straight for Frans Hals's Laughing Cavalier. Other exhibits include gold boxes, miniatures and one of England's finest collections of armour.

The collection was formed between 1802 and 1875 by three Marquesses of Hertford and

ANONYMOUS donor by the 4th Marquess's illegitimate son, Sir Richard Wallace. His French widow bequeathed it to Britain in 1897. Many of the works were acquired at Christie's. A stipulation was that the collection could never be mixed with other works of art or loaned

The cash will enable the Wallace Collection to redevelop cramped basement rooms. There will, for example, be an education centre. The gallery has developed activities for schools, but at present has nowhere to put them. It also aims to establish a library with archives available to the

A courtyard will be covered with a glass roof, turning it into a sculpture garden and restaurant-café that can be hired out to generate funds for the museum; already, the Wallace hires out galleries, raising £130,000 a year.

The plans will not interfere with the main galleries, which to Rosalind Savill, the director. She said: "The museum's regulars will not be upset, much as some would prefer it to remain their secret haven. The plans will only enhance the building, making it more accessible. I want it to have a

higher profile."

Ms Savill intends to increase visitor figures from 165,000 a year to 250,000; admission will remain free. Facilities for disabled people, which she admitted

"lousy", will be created.

The renovated building should be completed by 2000, the hundredth anniversary of the Wallace Collection opening to the public.



Rosalind Savill with a bust of Lady Wallace

Woman in knife attack is sent to **Broadmoor**

By Richard Duce

AN UNEMPLOYED woman who went berserk at her local jobcentre and stabbed four people was sent to Broadmoor indefinitely by an Old Bailey

judge yesterday. Women and children fled screaming as the woman ran amok. One bystander was left with a 10in kitchen knife embedded in his skull. After a judge ordered that Pearline Ayton, 28, be detained indefinitely at the secure mental hospital, it emerged that two of her victims were so badly affected by the attack nine months ago that they had been

unable to return to work. Ayton was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia when she armed herself with four knives and five screwdrivers and attacked public and staff at the jobcentre in Bexleyheath, southeast London.

Mark Dennis, for the prose-cution, described how people threw chairs at the powerfully built woman in an attempt to stop her after she stabbed Simon Bridge, 25, through the back of the head as he stood in a queue. The knife was embedded until he went to hospital. After stabbing a woman

with a screwdriver she went upstairs and attacked two employees. One man had an arrery in his arm severed before Ayton was arrested by

Ayton, who admitted four charges of wounding, was ordered to be detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act.

After the hearing Kent police said that most members of staff at the jobcentre had needed counselling for posttraumatic stress.

MoD bans radiation surveys of A-plants

By IAN MURRAY

THE Ministry of Defence has refused permission for an aerial survey of radiation levels above two atomic weapons plants, despite fears that emissions may be linked to leukaemias in children living

near by. Newbury District Council commissioned an independent survey of its area after reports that the Pentagon and MoD had hushed up reports of a radiation leak after an accident to an atomic bomber at Greenham Common airbase

35 years ago.

The £250,000 survey by Southampton University began yesterday with a flight over the former US base. The entire council area should be monitored by a helicopter that flies at a height of 200 feet in bands 300 feet apart to collect the material needed.

The MoD has refused permission for low level flights above the Aldermaston and Burghfield atomic weapons establishments. The council was told that the helicopter could fly to the edge of the perimeter fences at low level but would have to climb to 2,000 feet above the bases. This would be too high to be of

The results of the survey are expected to be published in February. The council said that without the aerial samples it would be impossible to prove that radiation levels in

the area were safe. The MoD said it had banned the flights to avoid any chance of an accident, adding: We consider the information which could be gained to be so small as norto justify the risk."



The Wallace's galleries, with their hundreds of Old Masters, will not be altered in the £10 million expansion scheme, but the director hopes to attract many more visitors



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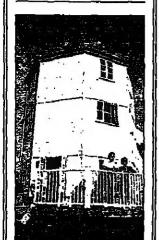


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Prime Ministers get best gossip from Old Stripey

POLITICAL REPORTER

DOWNING STREET'S most coveted store of secrets is about to be revealed as "Old Stripey", a tattered blue box with a red band that contains the nation's espionage intelligence and "juiciest" scandals.

Cabinet ministers have to make do with red boxes, but John Major also has Old Stripey sent to him most nights from the Secret Service. The material is so confidential that only he and his Principal Private Secretary are allowed to see it.

Margaret Thatcher always read the box first "because it had the juicy stuff in it" and was better than The Sun, according to Lord Armstrong, material compiled by MI5 and MI6 wasn't just intelligence, but other highly confidential and personal

Downing Street refused to discuss Old Stripey last night, but the existence of the box is revealed in a new BBC documentary. How To Be A Prime Minister, which gives tips from former premiers on how to cope with life at the top. It will be shown on BBC2 on Sunday night.

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the former Labour Prime Minister, says in the programme that Tony Blair would struggle as Prime Minister because he had no ministerial experience: "I found ministerial experience invaluable. It teaches you all the try. They either want to deceive you into doing nothing or doing some-thing that shouldn't be done."

Lady Thatcher says that it is necessary to be intimidating and "one must always be on the job. There's not much point being a weak. floppy thing in a chair, is there?" She advises that all you need to run the country is "six good strong men and true". Unfortunately, she adds, she never found six at one time.

Sir Charles Powell, a former senior aide, describes her style as "Leninist - the nice side of Lenin, let's say, not the ideology, but the absolute determination. Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, says that she was brilliant at using feminine charms.

The former Prime Ministers say that the Queen is a wonderful agony aunt whom they loved. Only Lady Thatcher did not fall for her and is thought to have hated going for "eats

and sleeps" at Windsor Castle. Lord Callaghan said: "Being Prime Minister is a lonely task. There are things you have to keep to yourself -your personal life and relations with other Cabinet colleagues. The Queen was always very interested in that kind of relationship and one could unburden oneself to her."

Having interviewed Prime Ministers over the past 15 years, the reporter Michael Cockereil says that they all become isolated, dictatorial and increasingly bizarre by the end. Harold Wilson evidently wanted to his dictatorial rule in Uganda, according to his former press secretary. Joe Haines.

They all agree that it is worth applying for the job, but occupants cannot expect more than five hours' sleep and have to learn to camap. Lord Callaghan said that becoming Prime Minister was "a religious sensation. a very profound feeling".

Sir Edward Heath said: "All a Prime Minister must do is remember to keep his head. Quite simple." He received letters from angry women saying: "Don't you understand that we elect you and we pay you to work seven days a week. 24 hours a day and yet we see that last Saturday you were sailing."

said that the footballer assaulted him outside an hotel in Chester. Tom Doyle, 38, said that he was grabbed, slapped and scratched by Cantona after he and other Manchester United players had attended a race meeting in May 1994. District Judge David Gee made his ruling in chambers at Liverpool County Court after hearing evidence from Mr Doyle and counsel for Cantona, who did not attend court. Mr Doyle had turned down £1,000 offered by Cantona without admission of liability. A solicitor for the 30-year-old footballer said that he strenuously denied the allegation.

Routledge, 61, said: 1'm sick of

the hangers on who keep com-

ing here to see The Woolpack.

They come to get a glimpse of

the actors, clogging up roads and choking the place in

summer. It's a Godsend the

Another resident, Joe

Rimmer: 45, said: "It's a pity

because it put Esholt on the map. But give someone else a decade of uninvited guests.

The series, which has run

for 23 years, began as a simple

story of Yorkshire dales folk,

but its ratings leapt after new

scriptwriters turned the fic-

tional village into a hotbed of

show might be moving."

that's what I say."

Bondi charge A second man was charged in connection with the death of a British tourist at Bondi Beach, Sydney, Sean Cushman, 22 is accused of being an accessory. His friend Aaron Martin, 22, is already accused of murdering Brian Hagland. 28, from London.

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Cantona is

told to pay

damages

for assault

Eric Cantona was ordered by

a judge to pay £350 damages

yesterday to a salesman who

Pilot bales out

An RAF pilot parachuted into the sea moments before his Jaguar jet plunged into the sea off the coast of Moray. He was rescued by helicopter and given a medical check-up back at RAF Lossiemouth. He had reported a mechanical failure in the aircraft.

Channel 5 delay

The launch of Channel 5 has been delayed by a month until February 5 next year because nine million video recorders have still to be retuned. Fewer than a million have been retuned so far. The channel should be available to about 80 per cent of homes.

Boy in cliff fall

A teenage boy suffered only minor cuts and bruises after falling down a 40ft cliff. Graham Scott, 13, and Mark McQueen. his friend, were cycling along the cliff edge near South Shields when Graham lost his balance. He landed on a beach.

Killer driver

A driver who had been disqualified 15 times was jailed for five years for killing Julia Wickenden, 22. a medical student, as she cycled to her home in Liverpool. Warren Thomas. 22. of Liverpool, admitted causing death by dangerous driving.

Drug boat arrests

Two Dutchmen were arrested on a beach in Suffolk after unloading 150 kilograms of cannabis resin from a dinghy. Police were alerted after a man in a diving suit was seen emerging from the water. The men are due to appear before Lowestoft magistrates today.

Drink alert

Alcoholic lemonades will set off an electronic alert at Sainsbury's checkouts as a signal to staff to check the buyer's age. The measures are being introduced after the managers of a store in York lost their drink licence because of under-age sales.

CORRECTION

A report (September 16) on harristers' pay named a number of silks said to be earning more than £1 million a year. We have been asked to make clear that, whereas those listed are judged to be the country's top ten all-round barristers, by no means all are in the £1 million-plus earning category.

Country folk turned off by TV soap village plan

A FILM-SET village for a television soap opera is being planned on greenbelt land at the country estate of the Queen's cousin Lord Harewood despite fierce opposition from environmentalists and

Leeds planning committee has approved the building of a replica of Esholt, the real illage where much of the Yorkshire TV serial Emmerdale is recorded, in the grounds of Harewood House, seven miles north of Leeds. But the councillors have left the final word with John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, by referring their

decision to his department. Jerry Pearlman, national solicitor of the Ramblers' As-

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sociation, said: "I am astonished. The greatest asset of Leeds is its green belt and their planning policy, such as it is, seems determined to ruin it. The only justification would seem to be putting money in the pocket of the landowner."

Clive Fox, of the Leeds branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. said: This is a straightforward commercial venture and in our view there is no special circumstances which would warrant an exception. I'm sure we will be urging Mr Gummer to call a public inquiry."
YTV has used Esholt, be-

rween Leeds and Bradford, for many years for its exterior shots of Beckindale, the fie-



Harewood House: film set would be in the grounds



tional village of the series. But the stone-built main street has ecome crowded with tourists. Usually the street is cleared while filming takes place and Yorkshire TV is worried about problems when the twiceweekly programme starts broadcasting three times a week in the New Year.

Two farms at Lord Harewood's 4,000-acre estate are already used in the show. The producers want to convert a barn and cottage there and incorporate them into a copy of Main Street, Esholt, comte with the famous Woolpack pub. post office, cricket pavilion and church.

Residents in the village of Harewood, which is on the

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busy A61 near the entrance to the house, fear they may become another crowded Esholt. Zoe White, 20, a nanny, said: "Children I look after already wake up when juggernauts go past. Last summer we had Yorkshire Water rankers thunder by. The last thing we need is an Emmerdale set and tourists in their cars

coming here to see it." Another resident, Jo Howard, 52, said: "The A61 is a nightmare as it is. This can only make matters worse." However. Erica Cheetham.

spokesman for the Harwood Trust, which runs the estate, said: "It is not the intention of Emmerdale or ourselves that the film site should become a

Modern

way of life

blamed for

tourist attraction like Granada Studios. Tourism is not the primary aim of filming at Harewood. There are no plans to allow visits to the site."

She said that film crews would have access to the set via a private road. "This does not involve Harewood village or the A61 and will lead to no increase in traffic from TV CTEWS."

Yorkshire TV said that the estate offered the advantages of seclusion and security. Filming in Esholt had become extremely difficult because of the many visitors, who were encouraged by Bradford Tourist Authority

The plan was welcomed by people in Esholt. Joan

sex and intrigue worthy of Dallas or Peyton Place. LOSS OF VISION the back of the eye, damaging the central part of the ratina Macula area of shasper vision

increase in eye disease BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

MODERN ways of life might be to blame for an increase in an incurable eye disease which leads to blindness, scientists say. Loss of sight caused by macular degenera-tion, in which the cell layer behind the retina begins to rot. has doubled since the 1950s and now affects more than 500,000 people in this country. There are believed to be

genetic factors, but researchers at the Institute of Ophthalmology in Lundon say aspects of 20th century living - including pollution, industrial or household chemicals, and diet - could play an important role. Alan Bird, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology and an expert on the condition. said the disease had not exist-ed in Japan 20 years ago but was now the commonest cause of blindness in urban Japan. Professor Bird is to lead studies in urban and rural

areas of England, Spain, Italy and Holland of the role of genes and the environment. Similar studies are to be done in Japan. A pilot survey in southern Italy showed that the condition was much less com-mon than in inner London, despite the subjects' genetic similarity. The southern Italians' way of life was completely different, he said. They didn't shop at supermarkets, and they grew their own food.

Macular degeneration is caused by the build-up of debris in the cells at the back of the eye, damaging the central part of the retina but leaving side vision unaffected. One theory is that the in-

creased use of plastics in the west has resulted in the migra-tion into food of chemicals called polyphonols which af-feet the process of cell breakdown and renewal. Professor Bird said: "I have no evidence that plasticisers or polyphenols are involved, but if there is an environmental factor in must be ubiquitous."

He was speaking at a meeting to announce a £5.3 million expansion of the institute, part-funded with a £3.3 million grant from the medical charity Fight for Sight, which will double its laboratory space. The rest of the money will come from the trustees of Moorfields Eye Hospital.

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QE2 sails in with 15-ton passenger

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE cruise liner QE2 docked in Lisbon harbour with a 15ton fin whale impaled on her how. The accident was described by the ship's captain yesterday as "the marine equivalent of running over a

The 60st whale remained pinned to the ship's how by the tide and rescue workers had to wait for the current to change before it could be towed clear of the liner's icebreaker. A crane was used to winch the carcass from the water.

Captain Keith Stanley. QE2's master, said the whale would have been hit on Sunday night as the ship sailed from Cadiz to Lisbon. "I have been at sea for 40 years and

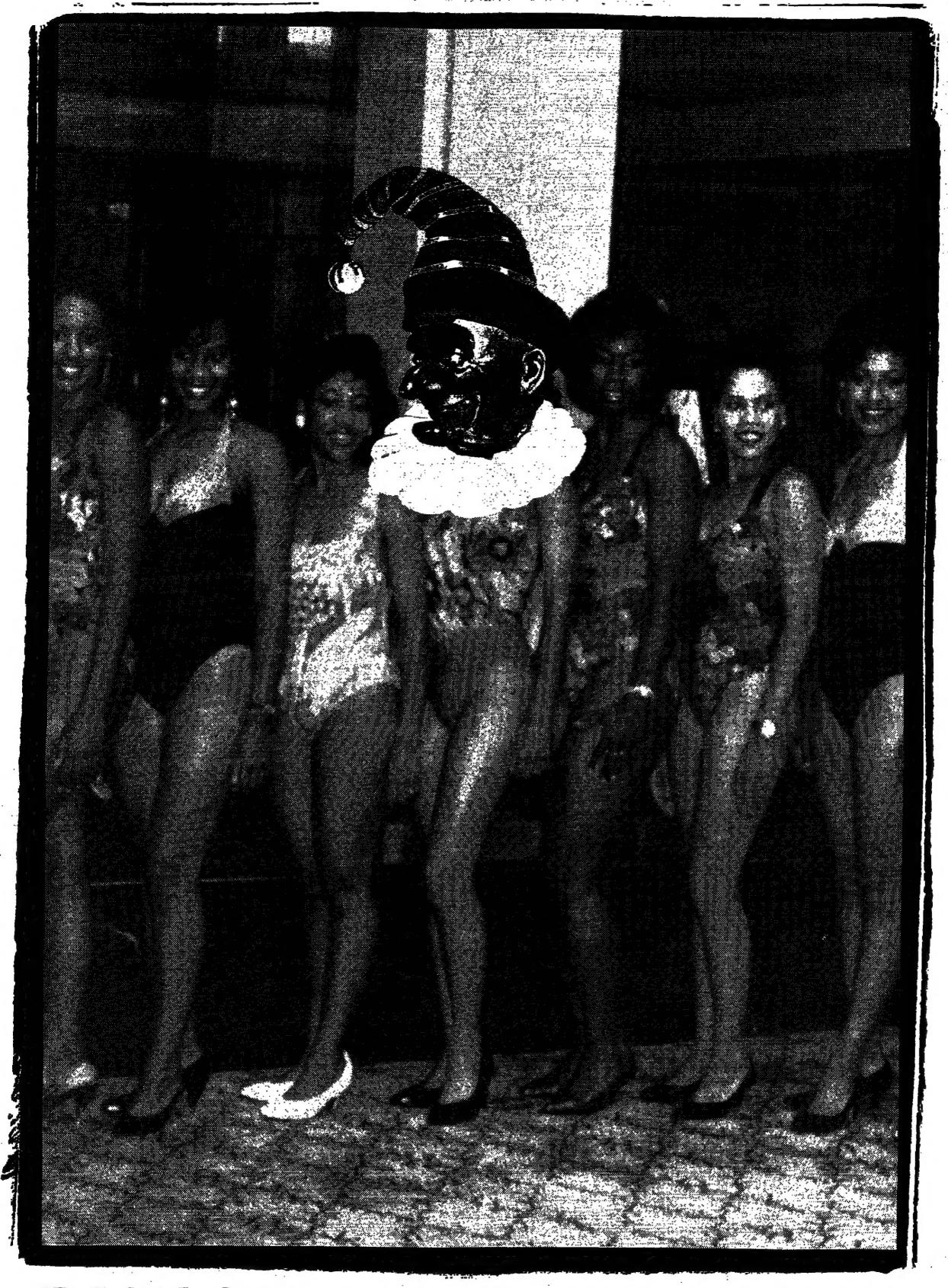
have never come across anything like it before," he said. Normally whales get out of the way. This one may have already been dead when we struck it, or it may have been ailing." He said the whale had not

been noticed before QE2 put into port because shuddering from the 70,000-ton ship made it difficult to feel an impact, even with something as substantial as a whale. Lisbon port authorities hope that the skeleton will end up in a museum.
Dr David George, a marine

biologist at the Natural History Museum in London, said 15 tons was extremely light for a 60ft fin whale. The mammal was probably ill." he said,



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School that Harman rejected is relaunched in blazer glory

BY BILL FROST

A FAILING inner London comprehensive snubbed by a Labour fromtbencher was turning away badly dressed pupils yesterday as staff and governors "reinvented" the school with the help of a public relations firm. It was the day that the

William Penn school vanished from view, along with its almost unparalleled reputation for underachievement. In its place was the Dulwich High School for Boys. Some of the children were not yet ready to change their own

The first victim of the makeover was an inappropriately shod youth. He said: They told me to go home because the press are here this morning and I've got me trainers on. They weren't bothered before. What's so special about today?"
Teachers were taking no

chances. More than £100,000 has been spent on refurbishment in advance of the relaunch. Once the photographers arrived, staff patrolled the playground to break up fights and to prevent children without blazers from posing for the cameras. Only the well turned-out were allowed to perform. The



Dealing with the fallout of the Harman row: the headmaster Lloyd Marshall with some of his pupils. Right, a new name goes into the pocket of the school blazer

south London school's remodelling and new dress London constituency and a whole world away in examicode follow an acrimonious nation results. row over Labour's education This put the frontbencher policy that simmered for much of the year after Harriet Harman, the opposiat odds with leftwingers in her party and enabled the Tories to cry hypocrisy. The decided not to send her son to controversy simmered on for

> consequences was one of his biggest mistakes.

much of the year and Tony

Blair has recently admitted

that failing to anticipate the

the press, further damaging William Penn's appalling reputation. Last year the comprehensive was declared to be failing by the inspection body Ofsted, Last year's GCSE results showed only 9 per cent of pupils achieving

reasonable grades.
The £100,000-plus cost of its transformation has included new computers, more books for the library and

William Penn became Dulwich High School for Boys after governors agreed that an undisclosed sum should be paid to the Knightsbridgebased Shandwick Communications to mastermind the

Lloyd Marshall, the headmaster, said that Ms Harman's soub had dented the school's image. He said: We were put in a very

difficult position.



Penn became known as the school that she rejected for her son's education. That was really damaging and caused us a lot of trouble."

Steel drums and thundering bass guitar summoned the head's guests to the school hall, where mute and well-scrubbed pupils had gathered under the watchful eye of prefects. As the school band — which played at a Buckingham Palace garden stood by to "supervise" any press interviews with the

party this summer - made the walls vibrate, teachers

Scott Loader. 12. was baffled by the name change. "It'll always be William Penn to me and everyone else here.

"I don't know what they're on about - seems a bit daft really," he said, before a member of staff stepped in to

a burly teacher intervened as three large boys began to scuffle. "No fighting. Not today, anyway," he said.

John Harrison, a spokesman for Southwark Borough Council, said that the decline in demand for places long predated the Harman affair. We suffered falling rolls and poor exam results for some

The publicity didn't help but the political controversy wasn't the only reason for the

"We are coming up to that period when parents make the choice about which seeondary school their children should attend. We want to send out the message that Dulwich High has a lot to

Lurking in a corner of the playground, two boys prevented from posing for photographers for alleged scruffiness were not impressed by the relaunch. This is just a place you have to come to for the day." said one. "I don't want to be here and they probably don't want

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to teach me either." His friend agreed. "The teachers try their best, but what's the point? It's not that don't want to learn, but everything seems so far away from real life on the street."

Shephard orders new teachers to learn old methods

Aware that the local state

school's academic reputation

was poor, Ms Harman chose

the selective St Olave's Gram-

mar in Orpington, Kent -

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

NEW teachers are to be classroom methods. Although schooled in traditional educa-Conservative Governments tional methods, Gillian Shephave introduced a series of hard announced yesterday. reforms, the new curriculum She said that it had become will be the first to lay down increasingly obvious that colwhat trainees must learn. leges and university depart-Priority will be given to ensurments were failing to give trainees the skills they ing that new teachers can impart English and mathe-

The Education Secretary.

announcing the first national

training curriculum for pri-

mary teachers, to be intro-

duced next year, said: "The

need for improvement is

urgent." She hoped that the

curriculum would round off

the Government's programme

of educational reform. Institu-

standards would lose accredi-

Training for secondary

teachers in the core subjects of

English, mathematics and sci-

ence will be laid down from

1998. There will be new bench-

marks for in-service training

and separate qualifications for

heads of department and head

Teacher training has be-come a favourite target of

critics of so-called progressive

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, who will monitor implementation of the curriculum, said the plans were a victory for pragmatism. "If we can demonstrate that children are learning to read more effectively with these methods, then teachers are going to recognise that methods was misthese

placed." Mrs Shephard dismissed Labour's charge that her announcements acknowledged the failure of previous reforms. She claimed the support of head teachers and newly qualified staff for tighter controls. The curriculum would cover trainees' knowledge of their subject, the standards they could expect of

pupils and methods of teach-

ing and assessment. Details will be announced early next

Head teachers welcomed the initiative, although expressing disappointment that the trainees' probationary year had not been reinstated. Teachers' unions were united

tary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said: the Government should beware. Our own independent public opinion poll result shows that nine out of ten people do not believe politicians should tell teachers how

ciation of Schoolmasters and playing politics with teacher

in their opposition.

If this is a gimmick for voters,

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Asso-Union of Women Teachers, accused Mrs Shephard of training. This is an attempt to placate the right wing of the Tory party. It is taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut."

Peter Smith, general secre-

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said that no single approach to teaching



Shephard: declared that colleges had failed

should be promoted above others. "The Secretary of State must guard against the national curriculum for teacher training becoming a stalking horse for promoting the obsessions of the Government's far right policy advisers."

☐ Preparatory schools claim a huge lead over state primary schools in their first analysis results. A sample of results from 235 schools belonging to the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools show that more than 90 per cent of li-year-olds reached the standard in English, compared with 56 per cent in state schools; 39 per cent in mathematics compared with 53 per cent; and 93 per cent in science against 62 per cent.

Toddler quits playgroup and walks home alone

By LIN JENKINS

A MOTHER has lodged a without someone noticing? complaint after her daughter, aged 212, wandered out of an open door at her playgroup and walked home nearly half

a mile along a main road. Half an hour after Sandra Golding had dropped Nicola off, she heard a knock at the door and the cry of "Mummy". Standing on the doorstep was the girl, only partly dressed, with her shorts in her

"I was sitting there thinking that Nicola was safe and sound when the next thing I knew there was a knock at the door. I looked around expecting someone to be with her. I just could not believe it." Mrs Golding, 36, said.

The road between their home and the playgroup, at Snodland Community Centre, Kent, is busy with traffic. A ditch runs along one side and the other side.

Nicola's father Cyril, a plant operator at a paper mill, said he was astonished that his daughter had not come to harm. "In many ways we are just lucky that a tragedy did not take place. "I am amazed that she did

not get hit by a car near the centre, let alone when she was walking along the road back Leading article, page 17 here. How on earth was she

able to get out of the nursery

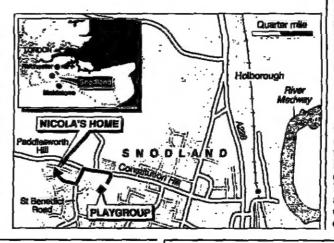
Surely when you are dealing with youngsters of that age you do not leave doors open? Nicola was on her fourth visit to the playgroup. She had asked to go the lavatory and went unsupervised. She left the building through a door that had probably been left unlocked by a cleaner.

Kent County Council's education department has begun an inquiry and visited the playgroup yesterday. The group, which registered with the council in November 1987 and is supervised by Julie Garden and Sheila Graham. issued a statement saying: We regret what happened

and a full investigation is under way."

On the morning Nicola left undetected there were 13 children and three adults in the room at the community centre. The playgroup is licensed for 26. A council spokesman said that the inspector would probably make recommendations about security. He would also visit the Goldings.

Nicola will not be returning to the playgroup. Mrs Golding said: "It is a great shame because while all this is going on she is missing out. Now I cannot bear to let Nicola out of my sight. She does not seem to realise what has happened. which is probably for the



University instructs police in life of crime

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

INSPECTOR MORSE might approve of the idea, if not the enue. Cambridge University is launching academic courses to train tomorrow's chief constables in the workings of the criminal mind.

The university's Institute of Criminology is providing a two-week course, to be launched tomorrow, as part of the strategic command course which all senior officers must attend. They can then extend it into a one-year diploma course or expand their work to a two-year master's degree.

Forty officers on the current strategic command course, run by the Police Staff College at Bramshill. Hampshire, are starting the course. Twentyfour have also opted to contin-Only police officers can take the courses, which include an 18,000-word thesis for the

master's degree.
The Cambridge academics will teach them the theory of crime-solving. Professor Anthony Buttons, head of the institute, said: "We can offer officers an insight into the latest criminological research and encourage them to concentrate on strategic skills in

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tion policy its top priority, pledging that, if in power, it would raise income taxes by a 2.5% discount penny, if necessary, to fund nior figures concede that not all the party's objectives could be funded out of the extra 52 billion that it had said would be allocated to educa-

> would take more than one Parliament to implement. The tougher line, set out in the party's latest education policy paper, published yesterday, is aimed at countering Tory accusations that its education proposals are unaffordable, and to put pressure on Labour to disclose the costs of its own education plans.

The Liberal Democrats

were held in cells overnight

after a judge signed warrants

Brothers Darren and Adri-

an Bell were locked up for 14

hours at Brentwood, Essex,

when the Recorder. John

Wardlow, authorised the war-

rants prepared by court staff

instead of witness orders. He

made his mistake after a

defence barrister asked him to

sign the summonses to ensure

for their arrest by mistake.

TWO witnesses in a court case their evidence in court the next

tion, and that some plans

insisted that teachers could not expect pay rises above in-flation unless they took on extra duties or showed outstanding performance. It has not included higher teachers' pay among its top priorities, but calls for the Teachers' Pay Review Body to award "fair and just increases" after "assessing the need for improved

Top of the party's list are education for three and fouryear-olds, if parents want it; smaller primary classes; and spending on books, equipment and teacher-training. The party also reaffirmed its commitment to improving further and higher education, to spending 500 million on school repairs and giving every adult the opportunity to retrain or return to education.

salaries and pay structures".

The Liberal Democrats have already indicated that, if they held the balance of power after the general election, they would argue strongly for improved education services.

When they were brought

into the witness box at Basil-

don Crown Court they re-

ceived an apology from the

judge and were advised that

they may have a claim for

The Lord Chancellor's De-

partment said: "Two witnesses

hadn't turned up, so the judge

signed an arrest warrant by

mistake instead of a witness

summons. The police therefore arrested both men."

Boy, 17, died after taking pure heroin

By Russell Jenkins

A TEENAGER involved in the London club scene died after taking a lethal concoction of heroin and cocaine at a latenight drugs party in his family's home.

Elias Fawcett, 17, the son of a senior journalist on the Economist, had everything to live for, Westminster Coroner's Court was told yesterday. He had just ended his A levels, his weekly rave in a Notting Hill club was a success and he was a singer in an

emerging rock band. After a night of partying. drinking and drug-taking early last month, he could not resist the offer from a drug pusher posing as a friend to try a drug that would give him the ultimate "high". It turned out to be uncut heroin.

Elias's body was found the next day. André Desvignes, 22, one of the party-goers, was found unconscious near by. He is still in a coma.

Verdict: death from opiate

about £200 an hour.

The defence said that nei-

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similar circumstances was Essex Police said: "Apparently the two witnesses had not turned up to give evidence and we were asked by the Crown Court liaison office to arrest two men to ensure their

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Downing St opens door to charter inspectors

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

demanding tougher standards

from hospitals and schools

without doing something

lougher largets for ambulance

services, in response to the many public complaints about

long delays, and national league tables for university

To try in encourage more

people to expect high stan-

dards from their local services,

today the Government will

also release a CD-Rom con-

taining all the recent perfor-

will be available to schools,

libraries and local councils

and another 5,000 may be

requested by members of the

public. Ministers want people

to compare standards around

the country and to question

local services that fail to make

and families with young child-ren are also planned. The idea

is to highlight the rights. entitlements and local services these groups in one

Despite the Labour Party's derision of the Citizen's Charter, it now seems certain that a Labour government would

keep the system and make the standards more stringent. Plans being considered by Derek Foster, the Shadow Public Services Minister, are to create an independent charter audit office to ensure that

public services come up to

scratch. Instead of relying on

services to apply for the Chartermark, Labour would

prefer to have a scheme under

which inspectors singled out

public bodies for checks on

standards. Labour also be-

lieves that there should be a

two-tier system with national bodies being judged in a

different way from local

One Labour source said:

"We believe that the Citizen's

Charter needs more bite and

that teams should be proac-

tive, fingering areas and going

in to make checks. Reports could then be submitted to a

Next week a Labour team is

to hear evidence about pos-

tible reforms to the Citizen's Charter and will submit its

conclusions to the Public Service Select Committee

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JOHN MAJOR is to open the doors of 10 Downing Street to inspectors who will award his office a performance rating under the Citizen's Charter.

The rest of Whitehall and government agencies will also be scrutinised after the pub-lication today of a White Paper on what senior officials are now calling "Sir Humphrey's Charter". Departments of state will be told to shed their faceless image and to improve their contact with

The inspections are expected to create keen competition between the senior mandadepartmental league tables showing the performance of each office. The standards will apply to all public agencies, from the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace to the Meat and Livestock Commission.

By encouraging a greater understanding of the grey labyrinth of government, ministers believe that the public will feel more in touch with the



Chartermark: awarded only to the best services

bureaucrats whose decisions

Roger Freeman, the Public Services Minister, has agreed that from January 1 next year any letters to ministers or officials should be answered within 20 days. Callers will be directed to a central inquiry point, rather than being passed from pillar to post.

Anyone wishing to visit a department or official will be offered a firm appointment. A formal mechanism will deal with complaints, and government forms are to be tested on a cross-section of the public to ensure that they are written in simple language that anyone can understand

To prepare for this new climate in Whitehall a committee of officials has been set up to discuss the changes, and a seminar to train officials about customer service is to be

held in November. A senior government source said last night: "We decided it

Gruelling questions are an eye-opener for clinic staff

THE Citizen's Charter may be thought of as little more than John Major's gimmick but any group that applies for a Chartermark award can expect searching questions to

Peter Summerscale, the former British Ambassador to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, who worked as a European Union monitor in the former Yugoslavia last year. inspected the Croydon Eye Unit in south London this week. His task as a Chartermark assessor was to judge whether the unit merited the award, the symbol of excellence coveted by public-sector staff but largely misunderstood by the rest of the country.

Last night Helen Seward, clinical director and senior eye surgeon at the unit, was still recovering from the six-hour visit and Mr Summerscale's detailed questioning. She badly wants her unit, which is part of the Mayday Hospital Trust, to win the award. Norma Major, the Prime Minister's wife, is supporting the application. Mrs Major's mother, Edith Johnson, was treated there for

But Miss Seward, 42, was uncertain about the outcome: "I thought it was pretty tough and gruelling, but totally fair.



Peter Summerscale, a Chartermark inspector, questioning Helen Seward, clinical director of the Croydon Eye Unit

He had really done his homework and certainly knew what he wanted. I feel as if I have just been through a most important exam. I know we won't get i00 per cent on

promptly and was soon en-gaged in asking a series of questions. What did Miss Seward do about complaints? Did her unit provide real value-for-money? What innovations were planned for the future? He concentrated on the areas he had perceived as weak in the application for a

Chartermark. He criticised the 30-day time lapse for the unit's final answer to a complaint, but accepted that there were few formal complaints and that many minor ones were often resolved by telephone. However, he did not rely only upon Miss Seward's word. Later.

during a tour of the outpa-tients' clinic, he asked to see the official complaint book from patients and insisted upon seeing a copy of a letter to a particular complainant.

He questioned the practice of holding clinics in various GP surgeries throughout the area, and wanted detailed costings of a plan to bring specialists from Moorfield's Eye Hospital in central London to deal with the more

difficult cases in Croydon. To ensure that efficiency savings were being achieved, he spent 30 minutes with the accountant and seemed satisfied when the unit had found a supplier to buy lenses at half

Staff appeared not to expect such rigorous inquiries. Mr Summerscale wanted to know why the unit did not display the cost of each operation, but on that point Miss Seward

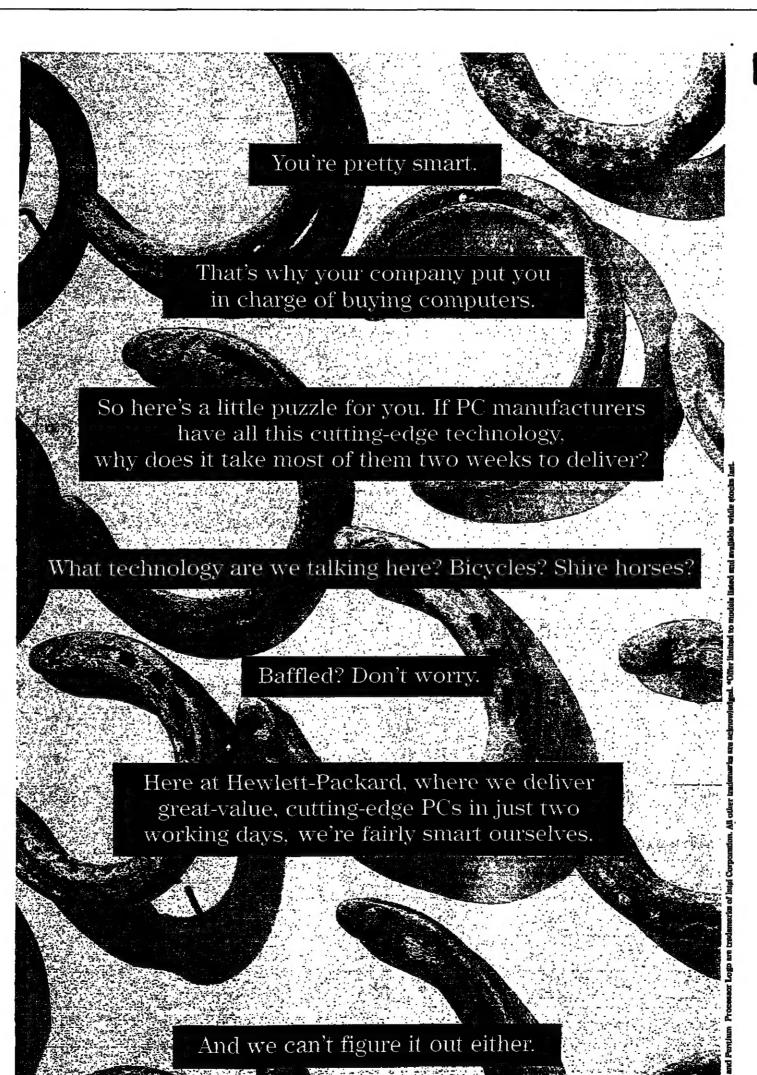
a list on the wall and I don't to put off the elderly, who think the cash should be spent on someone else if an operation is going to improve their daily life. But we have the costs at reception if someone really wants to know." Local GPs and former patients were also questioned in detail about the unit.

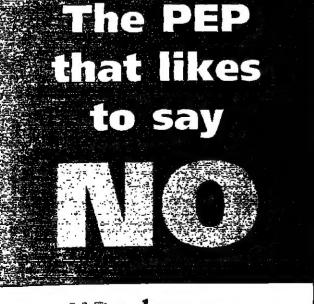
Yesterday Mr Summerscale said he had no doubt that Miss Seward was an effective manager and explained that his purpose during the visit had been to explore areas which had appeared weak. "You have to go into these visits with a certain degree of scepticism. There have been occasions when people have given me the wrong information."

He did not reveal the outcome, however. Winners among this year's 737 public services applying for the Chartermark will be notified

in November. The Croydon Eye Unit has 28 staff and treats 35,000 outpatients a year on an annual budget of just under £1 million. Most patients are elderly people needing cataract open ations. Last year 86 per cent of those patients achieved the vision required for driving standards, compared with the 80 per cent national target.

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Pope in political minefield as French feud over visit

WHEN the Pope arrives in France for a four-day visit today, he will be greeted by crowds of Roman Catholics. 10,000 security personnel and a storm of controversy.

The Pope's visit, his fifth to France since 1980, has provoked anger over a wide range of issues, including church dogma, race. history and national identity, while the papal tour is being opposed by groups ranging from militant

secularists to Freemasons and

As he begins his last foreign trip before undergoing surgery in Rome to remove his inflamed appendix, the Pontiff's health will be subject to close scrutiny amid increasing scepticism over Vatican silence concerning the violent shaking of his left hand, sometimes

a symptom of Parkinson's Disease. The religious aspects of the Pope's visit are in danger of being overshadowed by domestic political posturing. Jean-Marie Le Pen,

criticised by church leaders on Monday for declaring the superiority of the white race, has said he plans to attend a papal Mass in Rheims on Sunday to mark the 1,500th anniversary of the baptism of the Frankish King Clovis, even though church officials say he has

not been invited. Clovis has been adopted as a figurehead by the extreme Right in France, but many secular-minded critics have also questioned why the Government is supporting the event in a nation where Church and State have been separated

since 1905. In a gruelling schedule that will test the 76-year-old Pope's fragile health, he will travel to Tours and Brittany before arriving in Rheims at the climax of the tour. Several hospitals have been placed on alert along the route in case the Pope requires emergency treatment.

A growing number of French Catholics, who nominally make up 80 per cent of the population, have

the National Front leader, who was celebration of a strictly religious expressed opposition to the Pope's conservative teachings on birth control, abortion, homosexuality and priestly celibacy. Hundreds of Catholics have asked to have their names struck from baptismal registers in protest at the Pope's rigid dogma, and opponents of the papal visit, comprising more than 65 different organisations, plan to hold a protest rally in the Place de la République in Paris on Sunday.

Security has been strengthened after the discovery of a home-made bomb at one of the 21 stops on the

Pope's tour, and priests in Nantes were attacked last week by anarchists hurling custard pies.

Some 10,000 police, paramilitary gendarmes, sharpshooters and bodyguards have been mobilised to monitor the crowds and safeguard the Pope, who will also be protected by a squad of 125 guards from France's elite VIP protection unit. Police say they expect that small groups of activists may attempt to disrupt religious events, and Le Figaro reported that one militant anti-clerical group had hired a

lookalike Pope at a cost of £1,000 for a protest in Rheims.

in the wake of the Clovis ruckus. President Chirac, an occasional churchgoer who made a state visit to the Vatican in February, has elected not to attend the baptism anniversary celebration at Rheims. where 150,000 pilgrims are expected for an open-air Mass. Instead the President will meet the Pope when he arrives at Tours this

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Ex-minister to face Vichy war crimes trial

By BEN MACINTYRE

MAURICE PAPON, a former Cabinet minister, must stand trial for crimes against humanity for allegedly deporting hundreds of Jews to Nazi death camps when he was an official in the Vichy regime, a French appeal court ruled

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The ruling in Bordeaux marks the latest chapter in a 15-year legal effort to bring the Papon case to trial and sets the stage for a painful and overdue examination of France's wartime past.

M Papon. S6, is accused of ending 1.690 French Jews. including 223 children, to Nazi concentration camps, where most perished in the gas chambers of Auschwitz, when he was secretary-general of the Bordeaux region between 1942 and 1944.

M Papon went on to become chief of the Paris police and Budget Minister under President Giscard d'Estaing until



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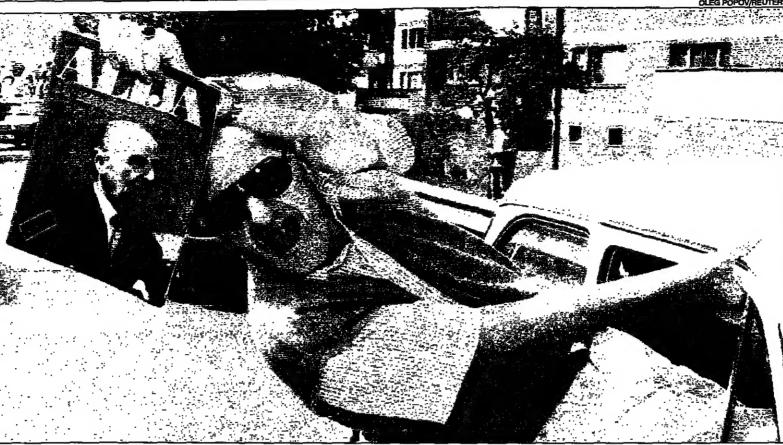
his alleged role in the Vichy regime was revealed, abruptly ending his political career.

He is only the second Frenchman to be sent for trial for crimes against humanity. But where Paul Touvier, who was convicted in 1994 and died in prison this year, was an anti-Semitic thief and thug, M Papon was a distinguished civil servant and a recipient of

the Légion d'Honneur. Relatives of the victims have waged a long and frustrating legal battle to bring M Papon to trial, in the face of stalling by successive governments unwilling to address a dark

period in French history. In 1994 the late President Mitterrand, himself a former Vichy official, admitted he had held up the legal process out of a desire to maintain "civil peace". M Papon has always insisted he was merely a "powerless spectator" to the rounding-up of French Jews, but the Bordeaux public prosecutor has insisted that he must have been aware of the horrible fate of the Jews deported under his authority. He might have entirely escaped expo-sure had his signature not been found on a series of deportation orders discovered

The Supreme Court appeals process will take at least six months and the victims' families say they fear M Papon may die before he eventually comes to trial. His superiors in the Vichy hierarchy all died while their cases remained bogged down in the legal



A supporter of the Party of Democratic Action holds up a picture of Mr Izetbegovic outside the presidency building in Sarajevo yesterday

Muslim to lead divided Bosnian presidency

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

ALIJA IZETBEGOVIC, the Bosnian President, stood poised to resume the chairmanship of the country's newly elected tripartite presidency after narrowly defeating his Serb rival by 40,000 votes, it was announced yesterday in

Although Mr Izetbegovic most votes within the Muslim-Croat Federation, he was locked in a close race with Momeilo Kraiisnik, the nationalist candidate from the Serb Republic. Now the two

men, who have been bitter enemies for the past four years of war, will take their offices next to each other along with Kresimir Zubak, the Croat nationalist. The trio, who will Mr Izetbegovic, speaking govern for two years, will not

do so easily. The Bosnian Serbs acknowledged defeat in the election was expected to garner the and said they would co-operto emerge from the vote. Velibor Ostojic, the Bosnian Serb Deputy Prime Minister, said the Serbs would "have to live with" the results, and

promised they would "not boycott the work and will not disrupt in any way the func-tioning" of Bosnia's new joint

for the first time in public since the election, said he would work for "reunification and justice. I want to repeat my political goal. In short it is try and justice in it".

Despite these pledges, the future is far from clear. Mr Izetbegovic has become increasingly more nationalistic. His outgunned Bosnian Army suffered heavily during the war and the Bosnian popula-tion bore the brunt of the suffering, and his Muslim-led Party of Democratic Action began to exhibit less tolerance towards Serb and Croat minorities since the war ended.

Mr Krajisnik has been fighting for a separate Serb state for the past four years and is believed to be one of the founding fathers of "ethnic cleansing", under which nearly a million people were HOW BOSNIA VOTED

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brutally uprooted from their homes. He is under investigation by the International War

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Crimes Tribunal. Mr Zubak, former head of the nationalist Croatian Democratic League, has also made

encompass parts of Bosnia.

Given Mr Krajisnik's open

declaration that the Serbs will

attempt to separate from the

unified state, and Mr Zubak's

the same, international mediators fear the presidency will be stalemated. no secret of his desire to see a greater Croatia that would

Already rumours abound that the Serbs will demand a recount or declare the results fraudulent. Richard Holbrooke, the American diplomat and architect of the Dayton accords, said his biggest worry now was trying to get the newly elected institu-

tions to work.

more subtle intentions to do

Nato force to set up new HQ in Sarajevo

FROM MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT IN SARAJEVO

A NEW Nato command structure is to be set up in Sarajevo. providing the first real evidence that the alliance is to. stay in Bosnia, perhaps for another two years.

The deployment of a new Nato headquarters in the city was confirmed by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secre-tary, during a 24-hour visit to Bosnia with Volker Rühe, his German counterpart.

The prospect of a longer-term Nato commitment in Bosnia is a highly sensitive issue, not least because of the American presidential elections in November. President Clinton agreed to send 20,000 troops to Bosnia at the end of last year, but said they would serve for just 12 months.

Asked about a follow-on Nato force to replace the 52,000-man Implementation Force (Ifor) which is due to begin pulling out on Decem-ber 20, Mr Portillo said no decision had yet been taken. However, plans are well under way for maintaining a Nato force of up to 20,000, with every alliance member involved, including America.

During a press conference at Sarajevo airport. Mr Portillo said that the headquarters of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), which has been running the Ifor mission be replaced this year by Nato's Landcent HQ (Central Command — Land) which. like the ARRC, is based in Germany

Ostensibly, the new organisation is coming in to help with the withdrawal of the Ifor troops once the 12-month mission is over. However. military sources said that Landcent HQ would then be in a position to take over the

running of a follow-on force. Mr Portillo said that between 200 and 300 British personnel would be working for the Landcent headquarters, reducing Britain's present commitment to Bosnia by about 1.000 personnel.

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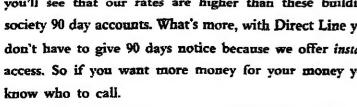
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Time-off deal cuts costs for VW words

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

VOLKSWAGEN, Germany's largest car manufacturer, is planning to cut huge operating costs with a scheme that pays workers in an imaginary currency redeemable as they neur retirement.

The idea, prompted by the ambition of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to create two million jobs by the year 2000, has earned the approval of the company's works council.

Instead of being paid overtime and annual bonuses, Volkswagen, and Audi, workers will be offered certificates representing 10, 25, 50 and 100 work hours that will earn guaranteed interest. When a worker has carned enough of these units, he will be able to take a year off - redeeming certificates - without reducing living standards.

The main beneficiaries. however, are supposed to be 55 to 60-year-olds whose workload, according to Volkswagen plans, will be reduced to 18 hours a week. They will be able to make up their salaries with certificates earned when younger. From age 60, workers on reduced hours will have their salaries made up by the state and by the company until they reach official retirement age.

The advantage to Volkswagen and to the German economy is that management will be able to hire young workers and offer them a credible incentive for flexible hours. Volkswagen believes the scheme will benefit thousands of its 130,000 workforce.

Eastwood has his say in 15

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN UN ANGELES

CLINT EASTWOOD'S court battle with his former lover heated up when he gave evidence in his own defence on Tuesday, denying that he ever set out to defraud the actress Sundra Locke, with whom he lived for 13 years. Like the characters he

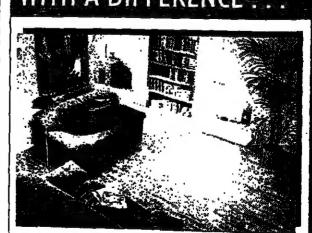
plays. Mr Eastwood answered questions from Ms Locke's lawyer in a court in Burbank, California, in monosyllables, He uttered 15 words in five minutes, admitting that he had financed a \$1.5 million (£960.000) production deal at Warner Brothers for the actress without her

knowledge. But when asked by his own lawyers to explain the deal, he said it had been an alternative to a \$7.5 million divorce claim in which Ms Lucke had been "holding a gun to my head". He also said he had never discouraged the studio from working with her.

Ms Locke, who fell in love with Mr Eastwood while filming The Outlaw Josev Wales with him in 1976, says the deal humiliated her and ensured that she would not be taken scriously in Hollywood even though it guaranteed her a studio parking space with her name on it. She had offered 30 script ideas in as many months, none of which

has been developed as a film. After giving evidence, Mr Eastwood was unusually toquacious, telling reporters: "I have done nothing but try to help her, and no good deed goes unounished.

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Monarchy under fire as House of Orange's outspoken head oversteps the constitutional mark



Queen Beatrix addresses the opening of the Dutch parliament earlier this week

Queen pedals into Dutch row

QUEEN BEATRIX of The Netherlands is coming under fire for her behind-the-scenes political activities which have resulted in ambassadors being levered out of their posts and allegations of censorship. The bicycling Queen, it seems; is sticking her spokes into polities.

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The Dutch Queen should, according to the constitution, be even more remote from politics than the British monarch. The Prime Minister takes responsibility for every public unterance by the Queen. But there is a deliberate vagueness in the constitutional wording and much depends on the relationship of the Queen with the government of the day. She has the right to a regular briefing from the Prime Minister and the right to express her view; everything else is uncharted territory.

Now the nation is fiercely debating whether the Queen has crossed an invisible line. Sources in The Hague say the Queen was behind the sudden shift of the Dutch Ambassador to South Africa because he was living with a woman who was not his wife. The Queen

The Queen of the Netherlands is ruffling a few feathers, but she would be first choice for President if the country became a republic, Roger Boyes writes

and her consort, Prince Claus, are due to visit South Africa at the end of the month and did not apparently want to be confronted with a diplomat who was "living immorally".

The Queen also pressed the Foreign Minister, Hans van Mierio, to open an embassy in Amman — she has close relations with King Husain of Iordan.

It is also widely assumed that the Queen was behind a decision by the Culture Ministry to withdraw state subsidies from a play called Emily and the Secret of the House in the Wood. Emily is the first name of Crown Prince Willem's girlfriend. The House in the Wood — Huis ten Bosch — is the name given to the royal palace. The five-act play is said to be a cheerful satire on the Royal Family. Amsterdam, the least respectful Dutch city in regard to the

Royal Family, has come up with its own subsidy and saved the play, which opens on November 28.

These are quiet machinations. Few outside the closest court circles can be quite sure if the Queen twisted the arm of



Prince Claus, the

out of an exaggerated allegiance, the ministers anticipated the Queen's displeasure. The Queen expresses her moral censure openly. She has

moral censure openly. She has made clear her opposition to homosexual marriage — parliamentary moves are afoot to legalise such unions — upbraided the Dutch about their lax environmental standards, and urged the country to be more tolerant of immigrants.

There has never been a secret about the 58-year-old Queen's strong views. But they do seem to be becoming sharper and her political interventions are more detailed and focused than they have ever been. The reason may be her concern about the succession. Crown Prince Willem-Alexander has had a series of well publicised love affairs and some of his activities have been viewed with dismay by the Queen.

Queen Beatrix, say Dutch experts, wants to ensure that the monarchy holds the moral high ground, lest it end in the kind of turmoil that has hit the Windsors. The reign of Beatrix is increasingly concerned with maintaining moral standards

in public life. She has been able to break out of her political straitjacket in part because of her high popularity. The Netherlands is not indissolubly wedded to its monarchy; the House of Orange has enjoyed royal status only since 1815 and there is a strong republican streak. But the personal popularity of Queen Beatrix and her mother, Juliana, has consolidated it in modern times. Her standing is such that, if The Netherlands ever became a republic, she would probably

be elected its first President.

The present debate reflects not only the Queen's moral crusade but also a growing willingness of the Dutch media to tackle what has long been regarded as a raboo subject.

The media consensus — that the Queen, because of her popularity and constitutional position, should be left alone — is beginning to crumble. And the more she enters the political domain, the more justified the newspapers feel in asking questions about her family's role.

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Mayor of Moscow bids for power

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FROM RICHARD BUSTON
IN MOSCOW

WHETHER be is shaking hands with Michael Jackson or lashing out at Kremlin policy-makers, Yuri Luzhkov, the energetic and power-hungry Mayor of Moscow, has served notice to Russia that his ambitions extend far beyond the city's municipal boundaries.

As President Yeltsin remains in hospital awaiting final word on his heartbypass surgery, the stocky Moscow city boss is already positioning himself for what many suspect will become an outright challenge for the presidency.

The first sign that Mr Luzhkov was emerging as a challenger came earlier this month, when he attacked the peace deal to end the war in Chechenia negotiated by General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's security chief and another presidential hopeful.

While most of the country was praising the accord, Mr Lirzhkov said he had to call "a spade a spade". "I am very glad the war in Chechenia is over, because casualties, shooting and gunfire have finished," he said. "But having read the documents signed, I can say that I regard the agreement as an act of capitulation by the armed forces before gunmen."

forces before gunmen."

He then turned his attention to international politics and in particular the row between Russia and Ukraine over the future status of the Crimean city of Sevastopol, homei port of the disputed Black Sea Fleet. "A simple truth needs to be remembered: Sevastopol is a Russian city which we must not lose and which we will not give away to anybody." he said.

way to anybody." he said.

While most regional chiefs would be warned not to interfere in the affairs of state, no one dared to silence the Mayor as he appealed to nationalist sentiments.

Rimning Moscow, which

Running Moscow, which accounts for nearly 10 per cent of the Russian population and much of its wealth, has always been one of the pivotal jobs in the country, and previous incumbents include Boris Yeltsin.

Mr Luzhkov, 50, has won nationwide respect for his energetic work in reviving the capital. In three years the city has become a showcase for successful post-Communist change and a magnet for foreign investment.

Most pundits believe time is on the Mayor's side, and that the longer President Yeltsin remains in his present weakened position the stronger Mr Luzhkov will become.



Luzhkov: challenge to Lebed for presidency

LBJ was Kennedy 'suspect'

Los Angeles: The KGB believed that Lyndon Johnson, then Vice-President, was responsible for the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy, according to an unedited version of a 1966 FBI document.

The document was released at a public hearing of the Assassination Records Review Board, a federal commission established to collect documents on the assassination.

The board also made publica request from Marina Oswald Porter, widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was thought to be Kennedy's killer, asking the board to investigate his involvement with the FBL (AP)

India to pay riot compensation

Delhi: India is to pay E15.4 million to the relatives of those killed in anti-Sikh riots after two Sikh bodyguards murdered Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, more than a decade ago. The Government's decision arises from last month's court order directing it to pay compensation within four months for nearly 3,000 victims of the 1984 riots. On August 27 an Indian court sentenced 93 Hindus to five years' hard labour for taking part in the riots. (AFP)

Dying cardinal visits death row

New York: A cardinal with terminal cancer visited a death row prisoner shortly before the man was executed by lethal injection (Quentin Letts writes). Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, who himself may have weeks to live, told Raymond Stewart, a mass killer: "We are in the same boat." The two men prayed together during the hour-long visit at Joliet, illinois.

Paralysis threat siege ends

Sydney: A siege in which an unarmed man threatened to paralyse his estranged girl-friend, who is in the Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital with spinal injuries, by damaging her traction device, ended when Ivan Gavran, 31, was overcome by exhaustion (Roger Maynard writes). Natalie Babic, 29, is expected to make a full recovery.

Archbishop's body found

Bujumbura: The Burundian Army said soldiers have found the bodies of Archbishop Joachim Ruhuna and a nun, who were murdered in an ambush in central Burundi on September 9. The bodies were found two miles from the site of the attack in Gitungo district. (Reuter)

Not quite white

Dubai: Citizens of the United Arab Emirates want foreigners barred from wearing the kandoora, saying "misuse" of the flowing white gowns and headscarves could bring disrepute to Arabs. (Reuter)

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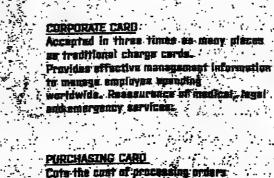
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FROM INIGO GILMORE IN PRETORIA

FORMER police colonel. no describes himself as partheid's most effective asissin, has directly implicated W. de Klerk, South Africa's st white President, in clan-Testine apartheid operations c) murder opponents of the

C Eugene de Kock, 48, who Weeeaded a secret counter-insurency unit, told the Pretoria Vurpreme Court yesterday hear Mr de Klerk had ordered is death squad in 1993 to nack a house in Transkei,

nen a nominally independent 100 omeland, in which five cople died, including infli it was the first time that a ormer agent of the state. Paiving evidence under oath, ad linked Mr de Klerk to

dirty tricks" operations. De lock said Mr de Klerk musi ave known about other such SK perations because he had dmitted to knowing about the ranskei raid.

"De Klerk cannot say he did ot know that such [covert] rganisations existed," he id. "He himself, as Presilent, ordered the attack in the ranskei in 1993. Surely he new there were covert units rith this ability. Who did he hink was going to launch the

The Transkei house was a ase for the armed wing of the FF an Africanist Congress, and Sihe attack on it nearly derailed nultiparty negotiations to end

Mr de Klerk, the National Party leader, denied any Maknowledge of attocities while living evidence last month

FROM JAMES BONE

IN NEW YORK

PRESSURE from Third

World countries has thwarted

the first attempt by the United

Nations to implement large-

scale layoffs to trim its sprawling bureaucracy. The UN was

this month to have dismissed

the first 37 staff members no

before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is investigating apartheid crimes. De Kock's testimony has now raised serious ques-tions about the honesty of Mr

de Klerk's submission. At the communission hearing, Mr de Klerk told Archbishop Desmond Tutu that to his knowledge "unconventional" actions had never included the authorisation of assassina-

tions and he had never given such an order. Mr de Klerk hit back at de Kock yesterday, saying his

6 F.W. de Klerk is one of the greatest cowards the country has produced 9

claims were not new and that the matter had already been raised in his submission to the Transkei raid had been authorised after intelligence gathered pointed to an arms cache on the premises. De Kock was convicted last

month of 89 crimes, including six murders related to the death squad he led in eliminating the government's opponents during the Eighties and early Nineties.

He is giving evidence for the first time in his 18-month trial to plead for leniency. He has

Third World blocks UN cutbacks

But Boutros Boutros Ghali,

the UN Secretary-General,

shelved the plan after Third

World countries opposed it in

enjoy liletime employment, although newer staff are usu-

ally on temporary contracts.

The planned lavoits were the

first to flow from budget cuts

meant to reduce the 10.000 preached United

staff at UN headquarters to policy. (AFP)

Most permanent UN staff

the budget committee.

Scandals monsoon **sweeps** over India

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S newspapers offered readers a choice yesterday between the telephones scandal, the MPs' pay-off scandal, the animal fodder scandal or the "Godman" scandal. There was scant space for anything

said privately that he will not

go down alone, and this week he has implicated a host of

apartheid politicians and sec-

urity chiefs in a series of killings for which he did not

On Tuesday, de Kock said P. W. Botha, Mr de Klerk's predecessor, had ordered clan-

destine operations against

civilian opponents to apart-

heid. His evidence could result

On the third day of sensa-

tional evidence, de Kock, visi-

bly angry, sought yesterday to

cast aside accusations from

his superiors that he was a

"rogue" agent who had fol-

lowed his own agenda. He

stressed that his loyalty to the apartheid regime had been unshakeable.

De Kock portrayed Mr de

Klerk as a ruthless opportun-

ist. He expressed bitterness

over the treatment death-squad assassins had received

from Mr de Klerk and other

apartheid leaders. "I felt the state had decided to cut us

loose," he said. "I would never

have sold them out. My opin-

ion is that F.W. de Klerk

abdicated the day he

unbanned [the anti-apartheid

parties]. I regard him as one of

the greatest cowards the coun-

De Kock commanded the

Vlaakplaas unit, which was

based at a secret location near

Pretoria. The unit had a

tion capabilities and received

numerous requests for clan-

De Kock's evidence contin-

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☐ Taiwan setback: Taiwan

yesterday suffered a double

setback when its supporters

failed to win official discussion

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Never has independent lu-dia been so obsessed with venality - probably because there has never been so much of it. The biggest headlines are reserved for Sukh Ram, the former Communications Minister, who has just re-turned from a brief exile with his daughter in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, to face accusations of huge fraud. He is in police custody in bospital. He is suspected of taking

kickhacks in the issuing of

private telephone contracts while he was a minister. Yesterday Mr Sukh Ram was also charged with holding unaccounted-for funds running into thousands of pounds. The discovery of £660,000 in cash at his Delhi home has been followed by reports that he indirectly owns a majority stake in a five-star hotel in the northern city of Chandigarh. Mr Sukh Ram looks likely to be expelled from the Congress Party for saying that the money found at his home belonged to the party and was to be used for forthcoming elections in the politically important state of Uttar Pradesh.

The Godman scandal involves Chandraswami, once the spiritual adviser to P. V. Narasimha Rao, the former Prime Minister. The "Godman" owns a multi-story ashram in Delhi, but he now lives at nearby Tihar prison, where he is awaiting trial on explosives and criminal conspiracy charges.

Mr Rao is a suspect in the illeged pay-off of several MPs small political party, the JMM, whose support in a 1993 vote of confidence was decisive in keeping him in

The animal fodder affair has implicated a string of senior bureaucrats. They allegedly received huge pay-offs from an animal husbandry 'mafia', which made unrestricted withdrawals from the state treasury in Bihar.



An American soldier hugs his wife at Fort Hood, Texas, before leaving for Kuwait

movements in Lebanori as "a

campaign of delusion and

ca to halt "Israel's uproar

which is currently taking the

Despite international diplo-

matic attempts to defuse the situation. Damascus Radio

also accused Israel of intens-

ifying its military presence in

the occupied western sector! of

Lebanon by sending in 20 m/w armoured vehicles, including

The crisis, which prompted

Israel's authoritative news-

paper Haaretz to claim that "the winds of war are blowing again in the Middle East".

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From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

via the United States designed

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Damascus, the official paper

al-Baath dismissed the

US envoy now touring the

region, securing a break

through between Israel and

Among Israeli military com-

manders, concern was grow-

ing that even if a confrontation

between Israeli and Syrian

forces can be avoided in the

short run, the long-term dan-

gers of a new war have been

greatly increased by the rede-ployment of over 12,000 Syri-

an troops in Lebanon in recent

Haaretz disclosed that se-nior Israeli defence officials have handed an intelligence

report to Mr Netanyahu

Kurdish leader in talks with US

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

AMERICA struggled to pick up the pieces of its shattered Kurdish policy yesterday as the State Department's Robert Pelletreau arrived in Turkey for talks with the Baghdadbacked Kurdish leader, Massoud Barzani.

Washington's diplomatic initiative was designed to persuade Mr Barzani, of the Kurdistan Democratic Party. that it was not in the Kurds' long-term interest to remain allied to President Saddam Hussein, whose forces helped the Barzani faction to capture the town of Arbil from the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan led by Jalal Talabani.

American officials said that the talks were also designed to restart peace negotiations between the two Kurdish Iactions. "Our objective is to have Mr Barzani and Mr Talabani agree to talks about their differences peacefully," Nicholas Burns, spokesman for the State Department, said.

Western diplomats in Ankara said that British diplomats were due to attend the meeting between Mr Barzani and Mr Pelletreau. The timing of Mr Barzani's trip was welcomed by Western officials as a sign that the Iraqi leader may not yet have reimposed the iron grip over northern Iraq that had been feared two weeks The initiative was sparked by a letter sent to the Americans by Mr Barzani. who said before crossing into Turkey that he "was still willing to co-operate with America if it is really serious".

America moved Patriot missile batteries into Kuwait yesterday to boost its defences against Iraqi Scud missiles. Patriots have also been in-Israel 'driving region to war'

which concluded that "the

chances of war with Syria are

strength, Israeli tanks and

'armoured personnel carriers

this week carried out an

exercise on the Golan Heights.

Haaretz said the intelli-

gence report disclosed that the

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ed a four-year plan designed

to enhance their effort to wage

what was described as "a

limited war" against Israel. suggesting they might try to

The newspaper also claimed

that tension inside Israel has

been increased by the large

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CONCERN about a potential

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ia and Israel intensified yester-

day as the state-controlled

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that the policies of Birryamin

Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime

Minister, had caused tension

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ments yet made by Syria about the crisis. Fayez al-

Sayegh, director-general of Sana, the official Syrian news

agency, claimed that the policy of the Israeli Government was

aimed at "undermining the

peace process and driving the

region and its people to a state of tension and escalation ...

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lead to war.

AN OLD-fashioned gold rush is under way in the northern Ontario woods this week as thousands of prospectors stake out mining claims on a huge tract of 2,316 square miles of newly opened govemment lands.

The Temagami Tract, almost a third the size of Wales. is located between Sudbury and Kirkland Lake, in northern Ontario. For the past 23 years the area has been tied up by Indian land claims. A court decision this summer set out the native portion. opening up the rest to mining and forestry.

The rush that began officially on Tuesday morning was triggered by the discovery recently of rich deposits of gold, silver, zinc, cobalt and lots of copper. It is located in the heart of the mineral-rich Canadian Shield

Prospectors from around the world have arrived for what is turning out to be the biggest land claims rush in northern Ontario history. Each one of the many grizzled veterans of the northern woods is intent on staking out the mother lode that will make him rich beyond his

wildest dreams. Many of the prospectors are crusty-bearded recluses who would do honour to central casting, all cager to brave the black flies and try to make their way over and under slimy fallen trees and bootsucking bogs in the black spruce and cedar forest.

The big mining companies go first class, flying in their

to northern woods

with the latest electronic con munications, clattering their way into the few open spaces to land and pitch their nylon waterproof tents. Many have satellite telephones because cellular telephones do not work in the area.

The veterans resort to old forries, to horses, mules, canoes and, in some cases, their own feet. Doug Bradley, a Vietnam War veteran, whose pilots have been ferrying crews around for the past few weeks, said: "This place is worse than Saigon in the last days of the war."

Some prospectors intend to explore the claims themselves: others hope to sell their claims to a mining company and move on to the next rush. The prospectors must be registered with the Government, pay \$25 for a licence and stake their claim in proper form. Their claims must be in 400 square-yard units, walked by foot in a clockwise direction.

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Democrat fury as 'Travelgate' report accuses Clintons

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

CONGRESSIONAL Republicans sparked a furious partisan row yesterday by accusing the White House of mounting a "colossal" cover-up to conceal the roles of President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, in the controversial 1993 dismissal of the seven-man White House travel office.

Republicans on a House committee that has spent two years investigating the "Travelgate" scandal ap-proved a blistering report claiming the White House obstruction had been "conducted, overseen and encouraged at the highest levels" - a

clear reference to the Clintons, The committee's Democrat minority walked out of the room after the Republican majority adopted the report, accusing their rivals of blatant political posturing just seven weeks before the presidential

Henry Waxman, the committee's senior Democrat, culled the report "a crassly partisan smear campaign against President Clinton, Mirs Clinton and this Admini.st ration". The White House hard already denounced it as "โมร T-ditch, negative campaig ning by innuendo and

leased excerpts, but the full hour, One subpoenaed docu-375-page report will offer a highly detailed account of how the seven employees were dismissed four months after Mr Clinton took office, and how the White House allegedly then sought to have the FBI, Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service justify that action by suggesting fi-

nuncial mismanagement. Six of the seven were exonerated and given new government jobs while Billy Dale, the office head, was acquired on charges of embezzlement.

The report will claim Mr Clinton wanted to give the travel business to cronies including his friend Harry Thomason, a Hollywood producer, and that Mrs Clinton, contrary to her sworn denials, pressured White House aides to dismiss the seven. When the move unexpectedly aroused controversy, the White House launched a "colossal damagecontrol effort" to protect the President and First Lady.

The committee issued countless subpoenas over the past year to obtain White House documents relating to Travelgate". The White House has more than once umc. ur". claimed executive privilege be-fore relenting at the eleventh-

ment was a memorandum written by David Watkins, the senior administrative aide who performed the sackings, in which he claimed to have acted on Mrs Clinton's "insistence". Other subpoenaed White House documents have tended to corroborate that claim, but never conclusively.

William Clinger, the comminee's chairman, claimed Mr Clinton had "engaged in an unprecedented misuse of executive power, abuse of executive privilege and obstrucof numerous investigations".

Yesterday's shouting match served to remind voters of an enisode Mr Clinton would rather forget, but he appears almost invulnerable in the face of the countless allegations that have been levelled against him and his Administration. Voters knew he was no saint when they elected him in 1992. They seem to accept his assertion that most of the charges are politically moti-vated, and to have decided to judge him only on his perfor-

mance as President. Mr Clinton would have been in much more trouble had any Democrats broken



Mike Tyson, the boxing champion, leaves a court in Albany, New York, yesterday, where he is being sued for \$10 million (£6.5 million) by his former trainer, Kevin Rooney, who claims breach

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Tyson in \$10m court battle

eight years ago, Rooney says Tyson's late mentor, Cus D'Amato, promised him 10 per cent of the fighter's

winnings for as long as he fought. D'Amato ran a gym In New York that is now operated by Rooney. At issue is whether the promise was made and, if so, whether it was binding on Tyson.

Greek-Americans fail to mourn tarnished Agnew

By Martin Fletcher

Tuesday night aged 77, rose higher than any Greek-American in US history, but even among his own people the former Vice-President was little lamented yesterday.

To most of the 2.5 million

Greek-Americans he was the man who shamed a proud community when, in 1973, he became the first Vice-President to resign over a bribery scandal. Many also refused to forgive him for an official visit to Greece in 1971 when the Colonels were in power.

George Stephanopoulos, President Clinton's senior adviser, said Mr Agnew became a non-person after his downfall. Paul Tsongas, the former senator and 1992 Democratic presidential candidate, said that "for the average Greek-American the spectre of him receiving brown paper bags of money was so horrid . . . that

they will never forgive him". The Greek Orthodox Church in America said Greek-Americans would "pray for his soul" but were pained and ashamed" by his disgrace. George Davidis, for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Associembarrassing and a shame because we want our people to be involved in public service".

Though Greek-Americans comprise barely I per cent of the population, and are con-

SPIRO AGNEW, who died on centrated largely in the big northeastern cities, they have produced a disproportionate number of prominent political figures including Senators Paul Sarbanes and Olympia Snowe, Michael Dukakis, the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, and two current congressmen. Mr Tsongas

and Mr Stephanopoulos. Greeks began arriving in America in large numbers between 1900 and 1920, a second wave after the Second World War, Mr Agnew was the first to break the political glass ceiling that confronted such candidates when Richard Nixon chose him as running-mate in 1968.

Practically the only Greek to speak warmly of him yesterday was Spiros Boutas, the Mayor of Gargalianoi, the small town in southern Greece from which Mr Agnew's father, Dimitrios Anagnostop oulos, emigrated to Baltimore in the early 1900s. "He was a good man and made us proud because he was the first American of Greek origin to reach such a high position," he said.

A Greek government spokesman in Athens said: The Government expresses condolences to the family of Spiro Agnew."

An otherwise silent White House ordered flags to be flown at half-mast.

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President in grand play for green vote

ICROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDEN'T Clinton followed Theodore Roosevelt along a well-beaten path to the Grand Canyon yesterday and employed the eternal majesty of its scenery to assure America of his commit-

ment to the environment. Standing close to the spot where President Roosevelt had declared the familious canvonlands of Arizona a national monument in 1908, Mr Clinton was expected to estabtwo million acres of red rock canyons and lonely plateaux in southern Utah.

The plan, designed to preserve the largest unprotected wilderness in America, was thought to include a ban on mining, road building and other development in an area hetween two national parks. Bryce Canyon and Capitol

Ranging from the Kai-parowits Plateau to the Grand Staircase, the 1.8 million acres have been the source of a long-standing fight between conservationists, wishing to protect the culture and rock paintings of the Anasazi Indians, and industrial mining interests.

The decision by Mr Clinton to enter such choppy waters reflects the confidence of his poll ratings and the knowledge that he stands no chance in Utah this November. Before the announcement was made. Senator Orrin Hatch. the senior Utah representative, had made it clear "there would be hell to pay if such a

The White House, however, portrays the decision as the final confrontation between industrial Old West and environmentally conscious New West, in essence the fight between Republican and Democrat.

Although Mr Clinton is certain to fail in Utah, his political advisers are convinced the greening of the President will secure him further votes in nearby states.

Aides hope the symbolic connection between Teddy Recesevelt and Clinton will remain throughout the course

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Mothers sometimes need help

The controversy sur-rounding the decision of the courts to allow surgeons to deliver by Caesarean section women whose labours had become obstructed, despite their lack of consent, has inevitably aroused considerable interest among doctors and lawyers as well as the lay public. One small point which has escaped much attention is that one of the women involved had already had three Caesarean sections but her delivery had been complicated by her refusal to admit that she was pregnant, a delusion which persisted even after she was fully dilated and in the labour ward.

It is over 38 years since I helped with my first case of obstructed labour. It was during my wife's first delivery and occurred after the obstetrician had failed to deliver my son with forceps. The doctor then panicked and disappeared. The anaesthetist and I were left nonplussed in the theatre with a patient who appeared to be dying with her baby suffocating within her.

The signs and symptoms of an obstructed labour soon become all too obvious: contractions become increasingly painful, powerful and rapid, but despite this, the labour does not progress. The mother's pulse rate increases, her temperature rises and her general condition deteriorates rapidly. The lower segment of the uterus becomes progressively thinner as it is stretched over the baby's head and there is a distinct Bandl's ring between the lower and upper segment of the uterus. The uterus becomes mouided around the baby like a wetsuit, and I can still remember the

shape of my son's body.

As the baby only obtains the central, oxgenated, blood between the contractions it becomes progressively weaker as the contractions become more frequent and the oxygen sup-



stretched uterus will in time rupture, a major medical disaster, but by this time the baby will almost certainly have already died from lack of

In the past when there was inadequete antenatal care, and such diseases as the rickets were a common sequel to malnourishment, obstructed labours were frequently seen. Now they are rare, and when they do occur the baby is rapidly delivered by Caesarean section.

When in my wife's case the obstetrician failed to return, the anaesthetist saved the day and the life of my wife and my son by organising a replace-ment surgeon and an immediate Caesarean section. My son was born pale, grey and limp and allegedly did not breathe for 15 minutes.

There were several sequels to this unfortunate delivery. When my wife became pregnant again she, unbeknown to me, suggested to her new obstetrician that she should have a trial of labour. Our new obstetrician smiled and gave a very short reply: "That's al-right, Pam. Everybody has a right to die in the way they choose but I just don't want to be around at the time, and I'd rather it didn't take place in my hospital."

My wife has always been

Stuttaford on Caeasarean sections; the medicinal properties of fish oil: treatment for gout; and pills for the prostate

extremely grateful to him not only for such a straightforward and robust opinion but for the two admirably conducted Caesarean sections she had subsequently. After delivery my son was

seen by a well-known neurologist for whom I was then working. The neurologist was equally forthright and said that it was impossible that my son could have escaped brain would inevitably be blunted, that he would probably have some limb weakness and would certainly be poorly coordinated.

The neurologist added consolingly: "There is no reason why he shouldn't grow up to be a nice enough chap and really good company." In fact his intellect, blunted or not. enabled him to win a scholarship to Oxford at a remarkably young age.

Our first errant obstetrician, now dead, soon afterwards gave up obstetrics altogether. I was told that he never fully recovered from the night's disaster. Thereafter he became a famous and very popular general practitioner. Unfortunately there was always a certain embarrassment between us whenever we met, as inevitably we did. But the 3am drama in which we both played a part so many years earlier was never mentioned.



A Caesarean section may be necessary when labour is obstructed and the lives of mother and baby are in jeopardy

Fishing for treatments

A well-being of the na-tion which comes from the Scottish islands might be expected to have its origin in fish or whisky. In fact, a new E6-million pharmaceutical re-search centre has recently been opened by the Princess Royal on the Isle of Lewis and it is investigating, among

in the research programme of Scotia Pharmaceuticals is for the treatment of schizophrenia. The results of the trials are not expected for some months but, if it is effective, its action will be totally different from that of other anti-psychotic drugs.

In the past ten years, the number of drugs available for the treatment of schizophrenia has multiplied but there still seems to be a reluctance to Risperdal and risperidone.

The symptoms of schizo phrenia can be treated and, to some extent, the progress of the disease delayed and rerect use of drugs. Doctors are by nature conservative and have a tendency to persist in prescribing older and welltried treatments even after better ones have become available. They seem to work on the principle that when it comes to assessing the chances of their patients developing side effects, "better the devil you know".

Unfortunately some side-effects of the older anti-psychotic drugs can be devilish. But now new anti-psychotics, including risperidone, are available which have a relatively kinder side-effect profile. The fewer the side-effects, the more likely the patient is to continue to take the drug.

patients to co-operate with their treatment, including taking regular maintenance therapy although they are feeling better, is an essential attribute for anyone looking after them - and having drugs which do not change patients into zom-



Herring: oil applications

Successful treatment which keeps patients out of hospital is an important consideration. since the total bill for the NHS of treating schizophrenic pa-tients is £396 million a year. much of it in-patient costs.

In an acute episode, the nti-psychotic treatment may take two or three weeks to become effective. Risperidone, as well as having less severe side-effects, also acts more quickly than do the longer-established preparations. Whatever the drugs chosen, the maximum response from them may not be

older anti-psychotic drugs, such as Largactyl, have a heavy sedative action. Nowadays, when sedation is required, doctors often consider that it is better to give another drug separately to achieve this, rather than relying upon the side-effect of the principal anti-psychotic drug. Patients naturally object to

the "liquid cosh" action of the older drugs which doctors have relied upon for the past

Despite all the efforts of doctors and public-relations companies, as well as the efforts of sufferers and their families, schizophrenia remains poorly understood by the general public. It is still common to hear the term used to describe people with a gross personality defect, particular-ly if they have a Jekyll-and-Hyde temperament.

Schizophrenia is probably not a single disease but several different disorders which have similar symptoms. Together they form the most common psychotic illness.

Tragically. schizophrenia affects young people and usually starts in later adolescence or early adult life. Both sexes are affected equally but in women it tends to start slightly later than in men. Schizophrenia is more frequently found in some racial groups

A pain in the joints

AT A good dinner last-weekend the conversation turned to goot. Prescriber magazine had recently reviewed the management of gout and my contribution to the party chatter was up to date.

Although gout is not caused by wining and dining too well, an acute attack can be triggered in those who are vulnerable by injudicious eating or drinking.

If the attacks of gout are

frequent, and the patient has a persisently raised blood level. of uric acid, or if there is any suggestion that the gout could be causing damage to either the joints or the kidneys, long term treatment with allopurinol Zyloric, if there is no contra-indication to its use, is needed. Side affects with allonurinol are rare, but occasionally it causes skin rashes or less frequently nausea. Care is needed when allopurisol is prescribed to anyone with kidney, or liver, disease.

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Once the blood uric acid level has been brought, and kept, down to normal levels attacks of gout should be no more than a memory. A correct dose of allopurinol isimportant - the usual mainance dose is between 200 and 300 milligrams daily.

Pills for prostates

DOCTORS, in their enthusiasm for detecting early cancer of the prostate, have recently: tended to talk less about benign prostatic hypertrophy. The journal Medical Monitor. has helped to redress the balance by discussing the data. recently collected in America:

from a study of US veterans. After the age of 50 it is usualfor men's prostates to start, enlarging and in some cases benign enlargement starts even earlier. As the prostate increases in volume it encroaches on the urethra, the tube leading from the bladder, so that urination becomes less easy: although more frequent, and nights are disturbed. With an enlarging prostate the urinary

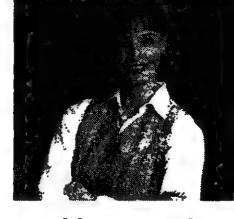


Dribbling to a halt

may be forked, some men may find it hard to start, and most difficult to finish so that they "dribble on". Occasionally the obstruction is complete and the bladder becomes painfully distended.

Treatment of a benignly enlarged prostate is usually by surgery, but in some cases surgery can be delayed by having ascertained with a blood test that there is no likelihood of malignancy.

The American study compared two groups of drugs which work in different ways: the prostate-shrinking drugs like finasteride Proscar and the prostate-relaxing drugs such as terazosin Hytrin. The evidence appears to support the view that is already gaining acceptance that finasteride is useful when the prostate is appreciably enlarged, but otherwise terazosin is likely to be the drug of choice.



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Eighteen months ago I took a deep breath and moved on to start a new career, in another part of the country. Quite an upheaval, but I knew I was ready for a fresh challenge.

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One day I realised - work's coming right, the flat's looking great - but look at me!

So first it was the new diet (goodbye to all those fatty foods) and then starting regular exercise. I bought a bike - now I cycle to work every day. I also tried Kwai ACE. It's a supplement that could help keep my heart healthy, by combining garlic's benefits with added vitamins A,C and E. The ACE vitamins are antioxidants that help protect the body's tissues against free radicals.

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Couples who follow on

DOCTORS when recording the history of a patient always ask for details of their parents. Frequently, the patient says that the death of their father or mother precipitated it in the other. It has been disputed whether this is a genuine observation, or merely a myth.

Recently a Finnish survey has confirmed that after the death of

a spouse the remaining partner does have an increased risk of dying. The research showed that in the first week after a person's death there was a 50 per cent greater than would be expected death rate in the spouse. After six months, the rate dropped to 20 per cent in men and 10 per cent in women. Although in many cases the bereavement must have contributed to the death of the spouse the figures may be confounded by incidental causes.

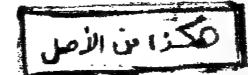


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Noreen Taylor finds the complex, entertaining Helen Mirren is still in her prime at 50

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n the night before we met in Dublin, I had watched Helen Mirren skipping down the aisle in stockinged feet, shoes in one hand, the other held high in salute to the standing ovation greeting her as she strode on stage to take her bow at the premiere of Some Mother's Son.

A blur of peachy blonde glamour in tight red silk, it seemed impossible to believe this was the same woman we had watched minutes before on screen, portraying the mother of an Irish hunger striker in all her drah, bleak-

Aside from her looks. Helen Mirren at 50 is a woman with much to celebrate. A highly esteemed career that has spanned stage, film and television for more than

25 years must bestow its own long. warm glow

achievement. Having survived the glamour-girl persona of her 20s at the RSC Cyou mean, when I was known as the sex queen of Stratford" she has put that firmly to rest and won public esteem us an actress of quality and talent. She appeared

proud and happy at her achievement. As thrilled presumably as she had been the previous week in Los Angeles when awarded the Emmy for her portrayal of senior detective Jane Tennison in the television series Prime Suspect

But the gushing behaviour and words deemed appropriare to public award ceremonies often prove as illusory as dry ice. Contentment and pride are apparently virtual strangers to Helen Mirren. Without hesitation she admits to being one of those people who is barely on speaking terms with either emotion.

Over morning tea in Jury's Hotel, she sits, hugging the corner of a sofu, trying to explain, struggling to understand the dilemma that haunts her. "I wake up in the morning sometimes, wanting to retire from my own ambition. Let me go, I say, 'please, just let me go! Haven't I done enough, proved enough to myself? Can't I be left in peace now?" "

She continues berating herself: "Why am I still eaten up with envy at what everyone else is doing? Why always the continuous anxiety, the worry, the one eye over the shoulder wondering what's around, worrying who's been offered what? God, I wish I wasn't like that. I'd give anything to know what satisfaction feels like.

"So you see, it doesn't matter wonderful everything looks. If it doesn't feel that way on the inside, then it doesn't exist. Take that award ceremony in Los Angeles. Do you know what I was thinking as I was standing there? "Well, here you are with the Emmy in your hands. Is this it then? Is this as good as it gets?"

"Why didn't this prove to me that I had achieved something, that I'd been recognised? None of those thoughts was going through my head. Instead there was this feeling of 'so here you are standing up here with this tatty old piece of brass, feeling like the dog's dinner'. Perhaps it's this profession which leaves you with the constant sense of wanning. ensuring you never find

fuifilment. "If you ask what my selfimage of myself is, well it's that of a struggling actress. That's honestly how I perceive myself."

She unfolds herself from the sofu and walks to a table where a pot of tea has been left. I admire the high-maintenance looks: the glossy, blonde bob, the slim, erect, exercised

Mirren, left, in the film Some Mother's Son

'I wake up sometimes wanting to retire from my ambition'

body, the lightly tanned skin. The impression is not of one who looks great at 50, but that of a rather dishy woman of no discernible age.

Are her doubts, insecurities and uncertainties not accepted as part of the creative person's package? "Maybe dissatisfaction is endemic to certain professions," she says. "Except I didn't know it was going to turn out like this. By now, I'd hoped. I'd be able to concentrate on a spiritual life, enjoy my garden, my life with Taylor in Los Angeles, and put the rigours of that early stage, the material life behind me."

About II years ago, Helen moved to LA to live with Taylor Hackford, the director she'd met while filming White Knights. When asked at the time if she was not wasting her formidable theatre talents by opting for domestic exile in La-La land, she replied firmly: "It's not a waste. It's my life. I came to realise that I wasn't going to sacrifice the whole of

my life to work." Yes, I remember saving that." She smiles ruefully. Taylor was the first man for whom work followed love. Not once did I say to a man, before Taylor, all right darling. I'll stay with you and not go to Australia. But with Taylor I gave work up, mostly for him, although partly because I'd become so disenchanted with Thatcher's greedy, selfish

"And it was awful, awful at first. I wasn't enjoying the bucolic Californian country life everyone imagined. I'd become the raging unsuccessful actress constantly wailing, 'No one knows me. It's all over.' Snivelling into my pilevery night, consumed with self-pity and totally

disoriented. "I'd always seen myself as one of those freewheeling spirits, unhampered by material possessions, able to adapt to whatever environment I found myself in. Then it dawned on me. I was suffering from loss

of territory, Like a bird without a branch, I was perched in Taylor's branch. city, in Taylor's house, with Taylor's pictures on the wall, and I minded."

That their relationship survived is, Helen admits, a testament to their love. "I'm happier now with Taylor than I have ever been. Probably because m famous in

America through Prime Suspect, so when we go out I no longer feel Pathetic isn't it? And I so wish it wasn't the case,"

The self-knowing smile is swiftly replaced by a look of alarm as I remind her of how she once admitted to waking up early every morning in order that she and Taylor might make love. "Mmm, well time has to be made, so why not? Although I think I said that to spice up one of those Day in the Life interviews.

Taylor and I have been together 12 years, so of course that kind of all-devouring physical lust is not as demanding as it once was. When we met it was as though I was surfing a wave. Now I'm rolling on one. Then it wasn't at all psychologically peaceful, unlike now. I miss him a great deal when we're apart."

The sex-kitten tag lived on throughout the Mirren also became known as the film actress most likely to get her kit off without too much ado. She lived a life. it seemed, of careless, freewheeling modernity.

"Between 18 and 30 were the worst years of my life. I tried never to show it by just getting on with things, but during those decades I cried myself to sleep most nights simply because I felt afraid of what was ahead, of the unknown.
I've talked about this to other women and found that it was similar for them.

"Odd, isn't it, when you consider that at the time you're at your physical best, in reality there is all the misery and fear of wondering what is to become of you. Yet I never



"I'm happier now with Taylor than I've ever been. Probably because I'm famous in America, so when we go out I no longer feel like the anonymous partner

wanted to live within the security of a marriage. Nor did i, or do i, want children. Despite lear, there was always the seduction of potential excitement, of a life out there. Always so much to explore."

Former partners are often, she says, "still my mates". It was one of them, Liam Neeson, who suggested she take Terry George's script of Some Mothers Son to a Hollywood studio.

Predictable and depressing," she calls British press headlines alluding to "Helen's IRA movie". She says: "Of course the film's controversial, but it's a controversy that must be addressed. There is no way I would take part in a film that makes heroes out of IRA bombers. This is a story, one that is universal, illustrating human agony, the love of mothers for their sons."

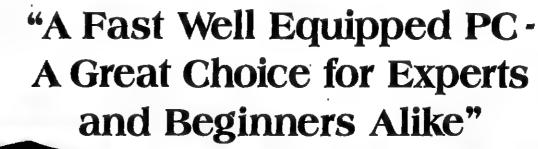
The film, a fictionalised account of the 1981 hunger strike that took place in North-

> 'My image of myself is that of a struggling actress, honestly'

ern Ireland's Maze prison. when ten men died, comes from the group of Irish film producers responsible for In the Name of the Father.

We British people, we've been kept in the dark about Ireland. I realised that I actually knew very little of the situation in the north, since all my information came from the British side. I'd always looked away, believing there had never been discrimination in favour of Protestants. How could discrimination have gone on in our fair-minded society? At least now the Irish have a chance to tell their own history, and, of course, we British are not going to welcome a view that paints us as less than heroic."

As for everyone's heroine. Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison, she says: "I'm afraid it's goodbye Jane. When work has been that rewarding. to stretch it out merely weakens the plot's timing, its dynamic. I'd hate anyone to get bored with her." Bored with the complex, entertaining Ms



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Europe's unholy alliance

Separatists and federalists are

wrong to undermine the nation

state, says John Redwood

alcolm Rifkind's warning yesterday that European currency union could cause new tensions between European countries is timely. We have already seen a spat hetween Germany and Italy, when a German minister stated the obvious: that Italy would not qualify for the euro. There are also some signs of strain between Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac, as they pore over the recalcitrant numbers of their economies to see if they can steady them for the shock of monetary union. They should also heed the dangers from regional and separatist

Last week saw Umberto Bossi's declaration of a new country called Padania to take Venice and the Po valley out of Italy. Many federalists will welcome Signor Bossi's media stunt. They will say it proves that a Europe of the regions is being born whether we like it or not. Signor Bossi, after all, made clear that he wants a free Lombardy in a more united Europe. He implies that he would welcome more government from Brussels, to complement no government

from Rome. with an e Signor Bossi is the product interest of the plans for monetary union. Brussels Because monetary union requires high and the exchange rates and regional budget cuts in countries such as Italy, it movements spawns high unemwill realise

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ployment. Signor Bossi speaks for all those Northern Italians who feel their economy is being held back, who believe it can do better. He offers them the wrong explanation

He tells them that the pasta is being taken out of their mouths by the South. If only the North did not have to pay all those extra taxes to help the South, its people would be so much better off. Freed of the shackles of paying tribute to Sicily and subsidising Campania, he tells the northern people they would soar to prosperity. Many northerners have been unhappy about the South for a long time. They warm to Bossi when he tells them they need no longer see

Naples and pay.
There are Bossis all over Western Europe. The mass unemployment generated by preparations for monetary union on the Continent makes it easy to recruit to their causes. In Spain, the electorate have given the Catalan nationalists strong support. Their turned a fairly sceptical Prime Minister Aznar into a Euroenthusiast, as he jostles to keen their votes and bargains over how much authority to devolthe Bavarian south is reluctant to pay the bills for German union. The Basque separatists are happy with the way the European Union is going: and some Scottish nationalists

adopt Bossi-type rhetoric. The irony of all this is that swapping the authority of Madrid or Rome or Berlin for that of Brussels will not solve the problems. Only floating exchange rates, lower interest rates and fewer regulations would do that. Were Signor Bossi to succeed in his aim, the new Padania would be fellow region of the rest of Italy, of eastern Germany, of north-eastern France, of the Portuguese and Greek regions in the new Europe. Not only would Padanians still have to pay many of the bills in southern Italy (through enlarged EC regional programmes), but they would have to shoulder the same burden for the poorer parts of Germany, France and Iberia. Far from casting off a burden, they would have assumed new ones. The alliance between Brussels would shatter, when the followers came to see they

had been cheated. Signor Bossi is an enthusiast for the single currency. He should think carefully before pushing this argument. Join the euro, and any control over the economy of the Po valley which Italy or Lombardy once had passes to Frankfurt. Join the euro, and you are stuck with an exchange rate and an

rate your choosing, which may not be right for your local economy. It may inflation or unemployment, and there will be nothing you can do about it.

One day both Brussels and the regional movements will wake up to the reality that they are not natural allies. It is an alliance of convenience. At the moment both sides want to

succeed, they will end up as enemies. Brussels will come to see that attacking national authority will make it more difficult, not less, to establish a new, supra-national authority at European level. Unleashing the forces of regionalism in Yugoslavia did not lead people to recreate the Hahsburg Empire to solve the problem. It led to a solintering into ever smaller parts, and to elections in Bosnia revealing that many would like something smaller than Bosnia.

The regions will come to see that substituting Brussels for Rome or Madrid is not the answer. It would make them feel smaller and less significant, rather than more powerful and more in control of their own destinies. In the United States it took a voracious Supreme Court and a Civil War to establish the authority of the centre over the states: and they all shared a common language and had many com-

mon aspirations. Europe should beware. Encouraging too much regional separatism will be dangerous to all authority, while encouraging too much central government from Brussels is the opposite of what the European economies need to survive and flourish. Malcolm Rifkind's speech was much wiser than Signor Bossi's policies.



ZURICH, 1946



ZURICH, 1996

Last of the Brahmins

died in Boston on Monday, was probably the ablest of all the young men in the Kennedy White House. He was also the last of the true Brahmins, the last person of a certain American background to exercise great power in American affairs. When he left his post as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, in December 1965, it marked nearly the end of a particular tradition in American public life. Of course there have been similar people in Washington since one could even say that President Bush was one of them — but their role

has been different. McGeorge Bundy was a proper Bostonian who believed with few doubts in the role he had inherited, and filled it out with a remarkable intelligence. George Bush did indeed also belong to Skull and Bones when he was at Yale, but could only limp into the White House under the pretence of being a Texan. In any case, McGeorge Bundy was a Lowell on his mother's side. He was the best: he was the brightest; he was the right stuff; he was the real thing. He had those qualities that mock the fates, and in the end the fates mocked him back.

In 1969, David Halberstam, the New York Times journalist, wrote his bestselling book, The Best and the Brightest, about the Kennedy White House. He asked the question: "What went wrong?" His summary of what went wrong for McGeorge Bundy still reads convincingly. "McGeorge Bundy was a rationalist in an era which saw the limits of rationalism and which rekindled the need for political humanism . . . but above all ne was a man of the Establishment. the right people deciding on the right policies in the right way. He believed in the capacity and right of an élite to govern on its terms.

"The [Vietnam] war changed all that; it not only tarnished his personal reputation so that his endorsement of an idea or a candidate had to be done covertly, but it saw a major challenge to the right of the élite to rule . . . the years had made all the other political groups in the country aware of just how little a part they played in foreign policy, and by the end of the decade, the outlanders, Negroes, women, workers were determined to play a greater role: they had reached the moat and were

pressing on.™ In 1961, when John F. Kennedy

Even at Kennedy's Camelot, McGeorge Bundy shone — but

Vietnam finished him and his elite

appointed McGeorge Bundy to what was later to be Henry Kissinger's White House post under President Nixon, Henry Brandon was the Sunday Times correspondent in Washington. He was by far the best con-nected of the British correspondents of that time, a close friend of the Kennedy family, of the leading Demo-crats, and of McGeorge Bundy him-self. When Henry first introduced me, Bundy was still fresh from his very successful period as Dean of Harvard, a post to which he had been appointed in 1953 when he was only He was a famous Dean of Harvard; who is the

The Kennedy White House was both glamorous and exciting. It was easy to be bewitched by Camelot, and most people

Dean of Harvard

were. But there was no doubting the quality of McGeorge Bundy's intelligence. He had every policy ready to mind; he seemed to have considered all the possibilities from a viewpoint that was moderate but realistic. He was not a politician himself; indeed he was a nominal Republican, and had voted for Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956. He was also a sympathetic personality, who enjoyed giving a briefing to a young foreign journalist as he must have enjoyed teaching his students at Harvard.

He came from a privileged Estab-lishment childhood. He was something of a legend at Groton, which is sometimes called the American Eton. He graduated, summa cum laude, when he was only 16. As I remember him from the early 1960s, he still had that sort of youthful eleverness: he was certainly entertaining, and at Henry Brandon's dinner table was a stimulating conversationalist. In those days, with Kennedy as President, this Harvard style, a combination of intellect, liveliness, public duty, patriotism and often family tradition, seemed an attractive future for American government. It was a New England style, and McGeorge

Bundy had an element of the intellectual puritanism of the old New England society. He was himself a philo-Semitic Wasp, because he thought Jews often had the qualities of energy and intelligence which he most admired, and that brought him close to a number of Jewish journal ists including the columnist Walter Lippmann.

After the assassination of Kenned in the autumn of 1963, Bundy stayed on to serve Lyndon Johnson. The new President disliked and distrusted what he called "Georgetown intellectuals"; he was jealous of all those who

had been close to the Kennedys. Even in our journalistic terms, Louis Heren of The Times well in with LBJ, and Henry Bran-don, as a friend of the Kennedys', was out. But the new

was impressed by McGeorge Bundy, by his sheer youthfulness, by his skills, by the quickness of his mind. Later the ealousies showed through, and by December 1965 Johnson was glad to see him go. Lady Bird Johnson gushed: "We're going to miss Mac like a big front tooth." but she did not mean what she said.

McGeorge Bundy went each step of the way into the Vietnam War in the Kennedy and early Johnson years. He was there when the first 'advisers" were committed: he was there when Diem was overthrown and killed; he was there when, at Kennedy's death. American forces reached 16,000; he was there for the Gulf of Tonkin resolution. He did come to have his doubts, and was eventually replaced as Special Adviser by Walt Rostow, a Vietnam fanatic. Bundy was never that. Later he came to question the whole Vietnam policy. By 1967 he was opposed to the war, though he remained quiet about it. partly because of his own past involvement, partly because his brother William was in the State Department, still carrying responsi-

His close friend Kingman Brew-ster, the President of Yale, and later Ambassador in London, made a revealing comment on what the Vietnam War meant in Bundy's career. "Mac", he said in 1968, "is going to spend the rest of his life trying to justify his mistakes on Vietnam. He did not quite do that, but Vietnam finished him as an influential public figure. His career afterwards was elevated but disappointing. The last 30 years of his life in no way reflected the promise of the first 45. He must have seen himself as

The Vietnam War did to America what the Somme did for Britain: it destroyed the confidence of the public in the competence of the elite, and destroyed the confidence of the elite in itself. The personal tragedy of McGeorge Bundy's life reflected a much broader failure of his class, of his beliefs, of his whole concept of public affairs. The wisdom of Harvard Yard and Martha's Vineyard had turned out not nearly adec deal with the modern world.

David Halberstam was right to

emphasise the rising influence of blacks and women in the America of the 1960s; the whole politically correct culture has developed from that. He failed to see the significance of Lyndon Johnson as the first of the new southern or western presidents. Before 1964 there had never been a president from Texas, and only one from California, Herbert Hoover. Since 1964 two elections have been won from Texas, four from California, one from Georgia, and one from Arkansas. Wealth, votes and power have shifted from the north and east to the south and west, and no northern state has been able to elect a president in 30 years. The elites of Boston and New York have not lost their money, but they have lost their political clout. The Harvard culture of Kennedy and Bundy seemed in 1961 to be a vital part of the future of America; it has proved not to be. Indeed that culture now seems to be in almost complete decline in terms of power, swamped by the new forces of a changing American society. That elite did suffer from failures of imagination, of humility and humanity, as elites always do. But this was one of the world's high cultures; the steepness of its decline has been a

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lack is killing black in Ameri-ca, and the rest of the United States looks on with indulgence. Two rap music gangs, staffed by gold-bejewelled heavies, are engaged in a bitter turf dispute. You need only Italianise the names of the participants - they already have the . wide-brimmed wardrobes and the slick sedans — and it could be Chicago in the 1920s.

In an audacious "hit", a white Cadillac drew up alongside a convoy of 10 limousines which were transporting the "gangsta rap" star Tupac Shakur and his bulky record company boss, Marion "Suge" Knight along Las Vegas's Flamingo Boulevard. A handful of men with machineguns jumped out and pumped a small ars-enal's worth of bullets into Shakur and Knight's BMW. Shakur, 25," whose records sold in their tens of millions (no fringe act, this) and who was one of the top-earning singers in the world, was fatally wounded.

The attack is thought by police to be the latest in a feud between Knight's company, Death Row Records of Los Angeles, and a bunch of New York rivals. That theory is hard to test, owing to the code of omerta being observed by those who saw the incident. The bodyguards accompanying the limousines have declined to help police with their inquiries.

Five days after Shakur died, a sizeable section of black America went in to the sort of keening routine one used to expect from toothless old women in Sean O'Casey plays. Vigils formed outside the hospital, mourning parties assembled in Shakur's a figures such as the Rev Al Sharpton: and the Rev Jesse Jackson gave? sorrowful tributes. Jackson, who visited Shakur in hospital before be dled, said that the rapper - who had . a criminal record for sodomising a young woman against her wishes chose to "project the pain in the culture". Another street obituarist said: "He told the world how hard it is to be black in America today."

A more threatening response came from an anonymous source close to the rap world who spoke to Newsweek and, using a word no white dare: deploy, predicted: "You will start, seeing Negroes drop real soon." Stanley Crouch, a black columnist in the New York Daily News, courageously called Shakur a charismatic celebrator of scum".

Gangsta rap is that genre of antiluthoritariari music wilich involve: the performer, usually a black man, shouting close-rhymed words of rebellion into a microphone held too close to the mouth. For white folk, the lyrics often need translation. It is only then that you find out what Jesse; Jackson means by "projecting the pain". Because the words are hard to understand, whites tend to excuse them as "black culture". The former American Vice-President Dan Quayle and the former Education Secretary Bill Bennett have in the past attacked Shakur and his ilk for inciting violence against the police. but their words went unheeded. Rap is black, and so untouchable.

Tupac Shakur rapped about murder, drugs and gangland rivalry, giving the impression that he approved of anti-police violence, wife-stealing and bully-boy boasting. It is a thoroughly unpleasant style, and is about. as useful to aspiring young blacks as .. a noseful of cocaine.

Shakur may have sung about the ghetto and its miseries, but he himself had attended a respectable drama school in Baltimore, only to retreat to the underworld because it made good financial sense.

The bodyguards' refusal to co-operate with the police has: been swallowed without demur by the authorities and liberal America, as has the fact that someone sprayed bullets in front of pedestrians on a crowded Las Vegas street. At the time of the attack. Shakur and Knight were riding to Knight's nightclub, called 662 (which on American phones spells out the word "MOB"). Shakur himself had survived one assassination attempt, and seemed hypnotised by crime. He had the words "THUG UFE" tattooed on his stomach, and liked to pick fights. On the evening of the attack, he and his mates were caught by a video camera... kicking and thumping a lone man in a hotel lobby. No one stopped him,

just as no one stopped Ai Capone. Americans appear to have difficulty seeing the obvious: that gangsta rap is gangsters' rap and the product. of a group of criminals who are dangerously out of hand. It has nothing to do with the way the major :. ity of black Americans live - working hard for a quiet life with warm homes, educated children and a pension - but they should take some blame for not disowning the rapping mob. The Clinton Administration has uttered not a word of criticism, but

that is perhaps less surprising. It has been left to the apologists. The Rev Herbert Daughtry of Brooklyn, taking a memorial service for the lead rap star on Sunday, went so for g as to compare Shakur to Martin Luther King. They were both revolutionaries against injustice, he said. It is hard to think of a greater injustice than the claim of a greater injustice. than that claim, or to imagine a black American who stood further from King's dream that the late and lamentable Tupac Shakur.

High light

THE HOLLYWOOD muscle man will have their own humidors, and and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger has bought one of New York's bestknown skyscraper restaurants and intends to turn it into a cigar-

smoking club for his friends.

Mr Schwarzenegger, who is seldom happier than when he has a fat stogie between his lips, paid an undisclosed fortune for the lease on the 39th floor Top of the Sixes restaurant, overlooking Fifth Avenue in Midtown Manhattan. After decoration work it will re-

open as the Grand Havana Room. for members only. It will reproduce the Grand Havana Room in Beverly Hills, a runaway success in recent years, as cigar lovers, persecuted by anti-smoking zealots. have had to retreat to private clubs. tronically, the speakeasy-style nature of such clubs has helped to spark a revival in cigar smoking.

Membership of the Manhattan Grand Havana Room, to cost \$3,000 a year, will be by invitation only. Actor friends of Mr Schwarzenegger such as Robert De Niro. Mel Gibson and Al Pacino already belong to the Los Angeles branch. as do Meat Loaf, Whoopie Goldberg and Sharon Stone. Members

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an extensive "menu" will feature cigars from around the world.



Cigar time with Amie

 Batsman Brian Lara named his newborn baby daughter yesterday. The ten-day-old girl will be called Sydney - after the test ground where the West Indian star hit his first Test century.

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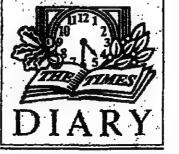
THE TIDE of republicanism Down Under may turning. In what is believed to be a colonial breakthrough, a first cousin of the

Queen is to marry an Aussie. Matthew Colman, 30, is a scion of the mustard family, and his mother. Lady Mary Colman, is a niece of the Queen Mother. He is to marry Jane Johnston, 31, a Sydney girl who arranges flowers in East London. They will live near his family home in Norfolk, where he makes garden furniture.

The Queen is unlikely to go to the spring wedding in Sydney, says plummy Colman. "But we'll be having a big party back in Norfolk which we hope she will be more likely to attend.

Arch rival

THE CONSERVATIVES are resorting to desperate measures to bolster the troops at this year's party conference. In an attempt to Baroness Castle for one was in un-



recreate the tub-thumping enthusiasm of the Thatcher years, they have brought the former party chairman Lord Parkinson out of retirement.

Surprising though it may seem. Parkinson was a most popular chairman, and he has been asked to step on to the stage as chief fundraiser" and rabble-rouser just before the Prime Minister makes his speech.

For many years, this has been Lord Archer's task. Even so, I can't believe the rumour that Archer refuses because he failed to land a ministerial job - he was after Heritage - in the last reshuffle.

Old Labour took a turn round the floor on Tuesday night at the launch of Brian Brivati's new biography of Hugh Gaitskell.

forgiving mood, castigating Gait-skell's "cold calculating intoler-ance" towards the rumbustious Bevan - whom she called "a political poet, with a vision which inspired people, and a Churchillian command of language". The best thing she could say about Gaitskell, on the other hand, was that he was "a damn good dancer".

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bility for the policy.

THE DEATH of Spiro Agnew. Nixon's disgraced Vice-President. could not have come at a worse time for Bob Dole and the Republican Party. As the most senior Republican. Dole will have to put in an appearance at Agnew's funeral, which is unlikely to be as forgiving

an affair as Nixon's. Not only will Agnew's death revive memories of an ignominious time in the Republicans' history, it will take a day out of Dole's frantic campaign for the presidency.

Tow bad

MENTION the magazine Country Life to Princess Margaret's son Vis-count Linley and the response may be a low growl - followed perhaps by a baring of teeth. On Tuesday night, he attended the Laurent Per-



tragedy, not just for McGeorge

Bundy, but for America itself.

rier Country Life Awards in his capacity as a judge.

Within minutes of arrival he apneared distracted, saying he had lost his wife Serena, who had popped out to fetch something from the car - a handsome Audi convertible. Not long afterwards, he too disappeared in the direction of his motor. He found his wife, but the car had been towed away.

I last saw them getting into a taxi. "Paddington car pound please," shouled Linley, before dis-appearing into the night to hand over his £135.



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RIFKIND'S EUROPE

A slow awakening to the dangers of monetary union

Not long ago, British politicians latched onto the concept of flexibility in EU policymaking, seeing it as the passport to a European Union in which Britain could feel at ease. By suggesting that EU members could agree to differ over the pace and intensity of European integration, it appeared to promise Britain an escape from the battered metaphors of catching trains.

Increasingly, however, it has become apparent that France and Germany see flexibility as a way of brushing dissent aside and pressing ahead with policies which would make Britain's position in Europe even more uncomfortable. Yesterday in Zurich, Malcolm Rifkind admitted the danger and attempted to head it off by defining flexibility. Decisions, he said, must be "open to all, agreed by all"

The catalyst that has quickened anxiety in London is monetary union. The closer EMU looms, the more questionable the protections afforded by flexibility appear. The opt-out secured by John Major at Maastricht was a model of flexibility in operation; but no optout can be guaranteed to shield Britain from the worst effects of a single currency on Europe. However great may be the advantages of Britain remaining outside the eurozone, the gain is relative and must be set against two broader dangers.

The first is that deflation and the attendant ills of high unemployment in France and Germany, Britain's most important European markets, will damage British exporters both directly and by feeding protectionist pressures. French threats earlier this year of penalties to prevent those outside EMU polluting the system" and profiting from "unjustified windfalls" are probably only a mild precursor of quarrels to come. EMU could unpick the single market and put Europe at an even greater competitive disadvantage against global competition than it already suffers.

The second danger, which is even more important, is that the practical effect of EMU could be precisely the contrary of its proclaimed purpose of promoting political as well as economic cohesion. Among EMU members, Germany's demands for tight fiscal discipline are likely to poison relations with its neighbours. In addition, even if France persuades Germany to fudge the Maastricht convergence criteria, half the EU's existing members, and almost all the dozen countries in the queue to join, will fail to come near to qualifying for years to come.

A single currency that split the EU between insiders and outsiders could do enormous damage to Britain's wider interest in the security and prosperity of the European continent. Mr Rifkind stressed its potential to deepen political conflict among the Governments and peoples of Europe yesterday, arguing that "such a divided EU was not what the Founding Fathers had in mind". Europe's history, he said, was rich in examples of the failure to learn that political co-operation developed organically, and that efforts to force the pace would founder on popular resistance.

EMU, as Mr Rifkind said, is not an optional ornament of European Union, as the Schengen accord on frontier controls could be said to be; it is "a massive change in the concept of what the EU was meant to be about", involving the most fundamental policy decisions taken by any government. The Foreign Secretary is a reliable political weathervane. If a consensus is indeed developing in the Cabinet that EMU will be a disaster for Britain, whether or not it joins, the Government has until 1998 to build a coalition within the EU against bending the rules to allow a small group of countries to go ahead.

This will be enormously difficult: the habit of thinking that if France and Germany want something to happen, it is unstoppable, is deeply ingrained. But when the final decision is taken in the spring of 1998, it must be by qualified majority. Britain keeps its right to vote, whether or not it has ruled out joining itself and, with the support of one other large EU country and a couple of small ones, could mount a blocking minority. Mr Rifkind did not attack the principle of EMU yesterday. To win allies among those who would be consigned to Europe's outer rim, he does not need to. Fears about how it will work in practice should be motive enough.

TEACH HOW TO TEACH

This new curriculum must not be sabotaged by ideologues

improving the skills of teachers is a the use of English. Because the current painfully slow process which starts with teacher training and reaches eventually into schools. Yet standards in education depend crucially on the quality of the teaching profession. Given the long time lag between reform and results, the reform of teacher training should have been the first item on the Conservative agenda. Instead, it has

been the last. Because it has taken 17 years for the Government to prescribe a sensible curriculum for teacher training colleges, a whole generation of children has suffered. But at least the next generation should gradually, as the new recruits trickle through, gain from the rigour that the curriculum is intended to instil.

For instance, it is extraordinary that 40 per cent of new teachers claim that they are ill-equipped for the classroom at the end of their training. They have not been properly taught how to teach. Often they have been introduced to an array of techniques. without guidance as to which works best, and are left to make up their own minds on the basis of ideology rather than evidence.

As well as understanding which are the best methods, teachers must themselves be well schooled in the subjects that they have to teach. In the second half of primary school, in particular, there is a shortage of subject teachers in important areas such as mathematics. All teachers also need a sound grasp of spelling, syntax and grammar if they are to impart that knowledge to their pupils. No students should be allowed to pass teacher training examinations unless they fully understand the rules governing generation of students was taught by teachers who often themselves did not value grammar and spelling, much remedial work needs to be done.

The other area that teacher training courses must address is the curse of low expectations. "Could do better" is these days the least likely phrase to be seen on a primary school report. The emphasis instead is on boosting children's self-esteem by making them feel that any level of achievement deserves to be praised. Teachers should be trained to assess potential, and then to ensure that pupils live up to it, whatever their social background.

If this new curriculum is to work, it must be based on academic evidence from Ofsted. the inspection agency, on which teaching methods are most effective. The precedent of the national curriculum for schools suggests that the educational establishment likes to sabotage commonsense ideas for ideological ends. It is, therefore, cause for some concern that the Teacher Training Agency will be in charge of drawing up the new curriculum. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary. should not give approval to it until she is convinced that the curriculum gives highest priority to teaching methods, such as phonics for reading, that have been shown

by inspection evidence to work best. Teacher training colleges must become pragmatic rather than ideological institutions, focusing on effective pedagogy rather than egalitarian ideals. Mrs Shephard's job now is to translate a worthy political intention into reality against a determined and cunning opposition.

THE BLUE ORANGES

Oueen Beatrix is not afraid to speak her mind

The House of Orange has produced three generations of popular, strong-minded women who have symbolised the redoubtable spirit of The Netherlands, in war and peace. Their charisma has ensured that this dynasty, implanted in a country whose libertarian spirit would otherwise make it a natural republic, remains one of the most secure in Europe. Britain retains a warm memory of Queen Wilhelmina, the heroic voice in exile of her embattled nation. Her daughter, Juliana, seemed in the postwar years the epitome of the modern monarch, for whom the very phrase the "bicycling queen" was invented. And Queen Beatrix. more regal than her mother, has reintroduced a degree of distance and moral authority that is, perhaps, a necessary corrective to the demotic informality of

monarchs on wheels. Yet the House of Orange is now running into unaccustomed criticism, and discreet voices are asking whether the Queen is overstepping her severely circumscribed constitutional role. She has spoken out against the legalisation of homosexual marriages; she has called on her Government to do more to clean up the environment: and, more controversially, she has insisted on having the Dutch Ambassador to South Africa removed before she pays a state visit because she disapproves of his living with a woman who is not his wife.

The Dutch, notoriously liberal in sexual matters, have been taken aback by this whiff of Victorianism. It looks like a case of throwing stones in the royal glasshouse. For the Dutch royal family has also had its share of scandal and bad luck — not on the scale of the House of Windsor but enough to strain the limits of popularity. The Queen's father, a notorious philanderer, was publicly disgraced by the Lockheed affair; her husband. Prince Claus, suffered depression; and her son, Crown Prince Willem-Alexander, has been sowing wild oats by the bushel.

Queen Beatrix has clearly understood, however, that her own position must be above reproach; indeed, she is staking out the moral high ground not only to remind the Dutch of the strong national streak of Calvinist thinking but to articulate some of the older, more formal and more conservative virtues that have been overshadowed by postwar egalitarianism. The same, indeed, has been the case with Queen Silvia of Sweden, who has been outspoken in criticising her country's tolerance of child pornography. But if continental monarchies have less pomp and protocol than our own. they have shown that informality is no guarantor of universal popularity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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fate of Nazi gold

From Mr John Leatham

Sir. It seems that the Gordian knot securing the gold pillaged by the Nazis (reports, September 14 and 17) will stay tied so long as there is talk of restoring the gold to its original owners or their successors. Is it not time to admit that agreement between possessors and claimants, whether individuals or states, is patently a phantom -and total disclosure no less?

A solution which might appeal to troublesome consciences, and perhaps has the merit of historical justice. would be to transfer the gold to the United Nations and other international organisations that exist to succour today's and tomorrow's refugees from man-made horrors.

Claimants might abandon their claims, however sound, and possessors of the hoards relinquish their hold over them, however secure, in the knowledge that the beneficiaries will be those suffering from man's contin-uing inhumanity to man.

Yours sincerely JOHN LEATHAM, Gatopoulou 9, 152 37 Philothei, Greece. stember 18.

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir. Mr Malcolm Rifkind is an able and authoritative negotiator. During his current visit to Berne he could help to redress a great injustice to the descendants of the Holocaust victims if he were able - as Mr H. H. Marcus suggests (letter, September 13) - to persuade the Swiss to lift banking secrecy on accounts in which there has been no movement for 50 years.

Changes in banking procedures and secrecy should be undertaken only in exceptional circumstances. The massive scale of the murder, torture and theft which characterised the Holocaust seems to me to justify such

Yours faithfully. ALAN THOMPSON. 11 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh 9. September 18.

From M André Maillard

Sir, I was shocked by your burst of indignation against Swiss bankers, who are supposed to lack any morality (leading article, "Tainted gold", September 11). It showed a complete lack of understanding for the real situation of Switzerland during the Second World War.

released, both on gold transactions and on private deposits, and the joint commission set up earlier this year by the World Jewish Congress and the Swiss banks, and headed by Mr Paul Voicker, will report on the latter in due course. But some of the facts and the background are already establish-

Most of the gold sold to us by the Germans (about 80 per cent, it seems) came from the Reichsbank to the Swiss National Bank in the form of ingots marked "Reichsbank" and backdated. How could the Swiss have de-

termined its origin? Furthermore, the Reichsbank was the central bank of the only German Government then in existence, and German forces were a threat all around Switzerland. Should Swiss bankers have behaved like toreadors brandishing their canes? This was certainly not the policy of the British until

In 1940, if not sufficiently prepared, Switzerland was at least better so than any other country on the Continent, which is the main reason why it escaped invasion. Do you resent that? Besides, the Swiss press (particularly the Neue Zürcher Zeitung, the news-paper of the Zürich financiers) was prompter than the British and very persistent in denouncing the Nazi regime. As Winston Churchill attested, Switzerland was among the most courageous of all European small

Gold known to belong to another country was given back after the war. But what of the gold that the Bank of England still owes to Albania?

Yours faithfully. A MAILLARD (Swiss Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 1978-83: Turkey, 1983-87; Luxembourg, 1987-91), 57 Chemin de Planta. CH-1223-Cologny, Switzerland. September 14.

Counter argument

From the Reverend F. J. McCarthy

Sir, For latrunculus, the suggested description of the Roman board game recently excavated at Stanway. Essex (report and photograph, September 6), the Lewis and Short Latin dictionary gives meanings of "highwayman, robber, freebooter, brigand" as well as "man or pawn in draughts or chess".

Can I suggest that "Cops and Robbers" might be a better name than "Little Soldiers"?

Yours faithfully, F. J. McCARTHY. St Joseph's College, Mill Hill, NW7. September 16.

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Swiss bankers and Slavery and the image of Liverpool

From Ms Marika Sherwood

Sir, It is difficult to understand the concern of historian Fritz Spiegl with the image of Liverpool ("Heritage dispute over Liverpool's slavery tours", report, September 9). An historian, 1 thought, tries to uncover and interpret facts, not create images.

I doubt that slaves were sold in sufficient numbers in Liverpool to merit iron rings on the Pier Head, simply because slaves would have fetched much higher prices as plantation lab-our in the Americas. But this does not exonerate Liverpool from dependence on slavery.
You also report another local histor-

ian, Mr David Hollett, as stating that the trade in Africans "only" represented 8.8 per cent of the city's trade; but your report does not reveal the exact year or period during the 100 years of the city's legal involvement in the trade (which ended in 1807) to which this figure applies.

Liverpool continued to build and equip slaving vessels until 1801 and built warships for the slave-holding confederate states during the US Civil War. Until slavery was finally abolished in the 1880s much of Liverpool's trade was with slave-holding countries in the Americas. The city's intports and exports both sustained the institution of slavery until just over 100 years ago.

Yours sincerely, MARIKA SHERWOOD (Research Fellow), University of London, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 28 Russell Square, WCI. September 9.

From Mr C. Grisenthwaite

Sir. In 1937, as a seven-year-old schoolboy, I was taken by my father to see the chain rings and slave scratchings in the old-fashioned areade of Liverpool's Goree Piazzas, demolished in 1947, at the Pier Head. At the

held suspicion was that these relics were an embarrassment to some of the then large shipping dynasties. It was the shrewd Liverpool mer-

time of their demolition the widely

chants, undercuning their Bristol counterparts paying lower wages to captains and crews, which made Livrpool the dominant trader in the sad business of slavery. Today these practices would be applauded as good

management practice.
Let me quote William Roscoe, the great Liverpool poet, educationist and philanthropist, from The Wrongs of Africa (1787):

Creme thou, and weep with me substantial

And execrate the wrongs that Afric's sons. Torn from their natal shore and doomed to The yoke of servitude in western climes . . .

Yours faithfully, C. GRISENTHWAITE, Longfield House, 196 High Street. Boston Spa. West Yorkshire. September 9.

From the Lord Mayor of Liverpool

Sir, The caption to the photograph which accompanied your report states that it shows a chained figure on a central Liverpool monument "said to reflect the slave trade".

In fact the monument in question, situated in the square at the back of Liverpool Town Hall and erected in 1813, commemorates Admiral Lord Nelson. The chained figures around its base represent prisoners of war taken at Nelson's four great victories of The Nile, St Vincent, Copenhagen and Trafalgar, and are in no way connected with the slave trade.

Yours sincerely, FRANK DORÁN, Lord Mayor, The Town Hall, Liverpool 2 September 12

Advantage for 'stalking' defendant

From Mr Stephen Parish

Sir, It was disturbing to read that a defendant accused of "stalking" was permitted to leave the dock and sit in the lawyers' benches because he was defending himself ("In terror of the accused", Law, September 17).

The advantage of the dock in our system of justice is that it is non-discriminatory; all accused persons sit there, whether charged with murder or shoplifting, be they in custody or on bail. The occasional exception - such as last year's Maxwell trial, at which there was no dock in the courtroom is reserved for complicated frauds that require defendants to be with their

What should never happen is for a

defendant to be given special privileges simply because he chooses to re-present himself. Quite apart from the possible intimidation of the witness, it may raise the defendant's status in the eyes of the jury. Other defendants, who are represented, will appear to occupy an inferior position in the

It is one thing to ensure that a defen-dant in person should be under no unnecessary handicap. It is quite another to confer upon him a positive ad-

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN PARISH. 2 King's Bench Walk, September 17.

Business and Labour

From the Chairman of the Rainbird Group plc

Sir, It is quite clear that Lord Hanson (article, September 10) has touched upon very sensitive issues, judging by the correspondence generated from shadow ministers and others in response to his remarks (letters September 12, 14, 16, 17).

As chairman of a family business I totally endorse his remarks on the Labour plans for the social chapter. The relative economic success that we currently enjoy is based on our competitiveness, which would be lost if we signed up to something that Germany and France slavishly adhere to, despite the adverse effect on their econo-

The level of unemployment in those two countries, far in excess of that in the UK, suggests that their example is not one to follow.

Labour's plans for education and training, with talk of "windfall" taxes, suggest yet more money would be put into training. This is not necessary. The success of the training and enterprise councils (Tecs), for instance, is testament to this, as witnessed by figures released on September 10 showing yet further increases in performance by these bodies.

When Tecs were formed in 1990 the cost to the Exchequer was £3 billion. This figure has been halved, with performance improving year over year ever since. These councils are costeffective and part of a long-term plan which is now unfolding and beginning to show the rewards.

The work that Tecs do is not done in isolation but is an important ingredient of the drive towards increased competitiveness and the development of local economies.

The way forward, as Lord Hanson advocates, is to see that the £38 billion already spent on education is properly and wisely spent. The Tecs are a good example of how this can be done.

Yours faithfully PETER RAINBIRD, Chairman. Rainbird Group plc. Rainbird House. Warescot Road, Brentwood, Essex. September 17.

qualification perfectly clear to the de-

fendant, the court was advised that

any ban which it imposed would,

under the law as it stands, apply only

in Great Britain - for once used with

its correct meaning of England, Scot-

in other words the defendant, al-

though disqualified in mainland Brit-

ain, was entitled to return to Northern

Ireland and drive there. Presumably

the same is true in reverse.

Marrick, 5 Hendon Close,

land and Wales.

Yours faithfully,

September 14.

MICHAEL BROWN.

Highbridge, Somerset.

Driving bans

From Mr Michael W. Brown, JP

Sir, You report moves to make driving disqualifications imposed domestically in member countries applicable in all other EU countries (September 14). In fact there is a similar anomaly nearer to home which needs to be dealt with first.

Last month the Sedgemoor Bench in Somerset disqualified a defendant for the offence of refusing a specimen. The defendant was a native of and resident in Northern Ireland.

In connection with the need to make the implications of the sentence of dis-

this gene in plants.

to biological agents, due to the pest's Pest-resistant genes limited exposure to the agent.

However, the problem of carrying From Professor J. M. Lynch the gene in the plant is that no control Sir. The interesting account by Nigel Hawkes ("At war over the field of over its expression is yet possible; so the insect population is continually exenes", Mind and Matter, September posed to the toxin. Resistance readily 9) of the potential risks of the genetidevelops, jeopardising the use of this agent in crop protection. This is an imcally modified American maize which carries the insecticidal Bacillus thurportant factor in considering the overingiensis gene makes no reference to all risk/benefit analysis of the exciting another potential risk on the use of new developments in biotechnology.

Yours faithfully. The life of chemical crop-protection agents is usually limited by resistance J. M. LYNCH, building up in the target pest popula-tion. Hitherto there has been very lit-University of Surrey, School of Biological Sciences, the evidence of resistance building up Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH.

Taking sides on Ford vs Clarke

From the Reverend Ian Gregory

Sir. The rattle of pots and kettles provides an apt background to the spat between Anna Ford and Kenneth Clarke on the Today programme (re-port, September 17). She was certainly over the top in her treatment of the Chancellor, but then, broadcasting media journalists are merely out to impress one another with the ferocity of their investigations. Otherwise they fear the fate of Peter Hobday, cast into the outer darkness for being simply

too civilised. But it ill behoves Dr Mawhinney to bleat about all this. How he and Kenneth Clarke can sponsor the vicious evil eyes posters, then complain about people being rude to them, is beyond belief.

How can we encourage our children to engage in rational debate about serious issues when politicians and radio starlets are constantly engaged in ego-boosting conflict over them?

Yours faithfully, IAN GREGORY (Founder, The Polite Society). 18 The Avenue, Basford, Newcastle, Staffordshire. September 17.

From Mr Oscar Beuselinck

Sir, What a reflection Dr Mawhinney casts on QC Cabinet ministers in complaining about unfairness in their treatment by BBC interviewers. Surely, by background and training, the likes of Mr Clarke do not need the help of a man who is not paid professionally, as Mr Clarke has been, to argue other people's cases.

Personally, I would be more impressed if BBC interviewers terminated peremptorily all interviews when politicians of whatever party fail to answer questions fairly put and instead answer another question of their own making.

Yours faithfully. O. BEUSELINCK. Davenport Lyons, 1 Old Burlington Street, WI. September 17.

From Miss Dorothy Millham

Sir, I read your report on Anna Ford and the Kenneth Clarke interview with interest. It just shows it's all about perception. I heard the interview and thought the exact opposite.

Ms Ford hardly seemed able to get word in edgeways. Mr Clarke ploughed on regardless. I thought they sounded very uncomfortable out of her depth.

Yours faithfully, DOROTHY MILLHAM, 37 Gloucester Road, SW7. September 17.

From Mr James Leigh Sir, Good for Anna Ford — usually the most lightweight of interviewers. Ken

Clarke can look after himself. He made a mistake. So what? Thank God there are gifted and fluent politicians (too few) who can. Dr Mawhinney is far too thin-skinned. Write it off and get on with it. Labour are bound to make a gaffe tomorrow.

Yours faithfully. JAMES LEIGH, Room E, H. E. Ward. Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, SW10. September 17.

Housman library

From Professor Norman Page

Sir. Your leading article today marking the centenary of A. E. Housman's A Shropshire Lad is a reminder that when Last Poems, the only other collection of his poetry to be published in his lifetime, appeared in 1922, it was greeted on the morning of publication by a Times leader. It would be interesting to know how many other volumes of verse, before or since, have received a similar accolade.

Housman, who took a delight beyond even a textual editor's call of duty in drawing attention to errors in printed sources, would have pounced on the statement that he bequeathed "a collection of pornography to his university". Such a bequest would have been entirely out of character. What happened was his library was

sold after his death on the instructions of his literary executor (his brother. Laurence), but the works in question were not included in the sale; they were discreetly donated to Cambridge University Library, where they repose to this day without any formal indication of their original ownership.

Yours faithfully. NORMAN PAGE 23 Braunston Road. Oakham, Rutland, September 18.

Road to fame

From Mr Paul Grimshaw

Sir, I was interested to read of Elaine Paige's success on Broadway (report, September 14). I note she gained acclaim in "the title role" of Sunset Bou-

If Ms Paige has the versatility to portray a Los Angeles thoroughfare. she is indeed to be congratulated. Perhaps she could follow up this triumph in the title role of 42nd Street.

I am. yours faithfully. PAUL GRIMSHAW, Morgan's Orchard, Claremont Terrace, York.



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BALMORAL CASTLE September 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr George Marwick (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Orkney) at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Malcolm Dennison (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Orkney) which was held in St Magnus Cathedral. Kirkwall, this after-

The Princess Royal was repre-sented by Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Mather. The Lady Elton has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady

in Waiting to The Queen. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 18: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning opened the New Yatt's Own Home Project, the Old Tip, Boddington Lane, North Leigh, Witney, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr

Hugo Brunner). Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards attended a Rural Carers Event organised by the Carers Centre (North and West

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will attend the sixth session of the residential meeting. Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Christ's College, Cambridge, at 11.00. The Duke of Kent, as President of the RNLI, will visit the Marazion Lifeboat Station, Castle House, Cornwall, at 11.00; will visit the Lizard Lifeboat Station, Kilcobben Cove, at 12.40; the Falmouth Lifeboat Station, Tinners Walk, Port Pendennis, at 2.40; and the Fowey Lifeboar Station, Berrills Yard, at 4.20.

Greater London

Colonel Stephen Peter Feakes has been appointed a Deputy Lieuten-ant of Greater London.

Dinners

YORK HOUSE

Clockmakers' Company Air Vice-Marshal Peter Latham. Master of the Clockmakers' Commaster of the Clockmarkers' Com-pany, presided, assisted by the Wardens, at a livery dinner held last night at Plaisterers' Hali, Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Dalland Ludge Silver Radley, Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, and Mr Alderman Michael B. Savory. Renter Warden, also spoke. British Institute of

College. Witney.
The Princess Royal, Patron,

SENSE - the National Deafblind

and Rubella Association, this after-

noon visited Chalmore House, Reading Road, Wallingford.

of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this

evening attended a Reception at

the Legal and General Assurance

Society Limited, Knox Court, 10 Fitzalan Place, Cardiff, and was

received by Her Majesty's Lord-

Lieutenant of South Glamorgan

(Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards

September 18: The Prince of Wales

this evening held a Dinner at St John's College, Cambridge, for delegates and supporters of His Royal Highness's Business and the

September 18: The Duke of Kent, President, the Engineering Coun-

cil. this morning presented the prizes at the Young Engineers for Britain National Final, at Speedbird House, Heathrow Airport, Middlesex.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Environment programme.

Her Royal Highness, President

Non-Destructive Testing Dr W.E. Gardner, President of the British Institute of Non-Destruc-tive Testing, presided at the annual dinner of the 35th British conference of the institute held last night at the Forte Posthouse Hotel, Erskine, Glasgow. Professor D. Schnitger, President of the Ger-man Society for Non-Destructive Testing, delivered a lecture.

MP and broadcaster, 62: Mrs

Today's birthdays

Miss Kate Adle, broadcaster, 51; Sir Timothy Colman, KG, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, 67; Captain R.C. Cunningham-Jardine, Lord Lieutepant of Dumfries and Galloway, 65; Mr Justin Dukes, former managing-director, Channel 4 Television, 55; Mr Michael Elphick, actor, 50; Captain Jim Fox, pentathlete, 55; the Right Rev H.R. Gough, former Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia.91: Mr Richard Gray, director. Manchester City Art Galleries, 45: Mr Jeremy Irons, actor. 48; Sir Robert McCrindle, former MP, 67: Mr I.D. McGowan, librarian, the Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, 82: the Countess of Mar. 56; Mr Charles Martin,

Penelope Mortimer, writer, 78; Mr Peter Murray, broadcaster, 68; Mr Derek Nimmo, actor, 64: Dr H.J. Plenderleith, FBA, antiquarian, 98; Professor Ferry Porsche, car designer, 87; Miss Zandra Rhodes. fashlon designer, 56; Dr George Barclay Richardson, former Warden, Keble College, Oxford, 72; the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, 67; Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney, surgeon, 74; Mrs Carolyn Steen chairman, court of governors, Thomas Coram Foundation for Children, 56; Twiggy, former model and actress, 47: Professor Museum, Oxford, 66; Sir Leonard Williams, former director-general for energy, Commission of the Headmaster, Bristol Grammar European Communities, 77; Dr School, 57; Mr Austin Mitchell. Arthur Wills, composer, 70.

School news

The Autumn term began on September 5 and ends on Friday, December 13. Senior Prefect is Graham Wilson and Deputy Se-Captain of Hockey, and Martin Skinner, Captain of Rugby, Char-lotte Barton and Isabel Knowles are Captains of Lacrosse. Extensions to Beech-Hanger, the girls boarding house and to the Pre-Prep have been completed. The new Sports Centre will be opened by Mr Sebastian Coe, OBE, MP. on November 7. Open mornings will be held on Saturdays, October 12. November 2 (6th form) and November 9. There will be a special open afternoon for Old Caterhamians on Saturday. November 9, to view the new

will host a welcome group from 1.00pm. For further details tele-phone 01883 343028. The Drama production A Comedy of Errors will be performed on December 10, II and 12 and the school Carol Service will be held on Sunday,

Tombridge School
A series of public organ recitals is given each year on the new Marcussen organ (4 manuals, 66 stops) in the restored Tombridge School Chapel. A brochure giving details of the second series (1996/7) may be obtained from The Facil-ities Manager, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent. TN9 UP (tel: 01732 365556). Recitalists in this series include Dame Gillian Weir.
Jane Wans. John Scott. Sarah Baldock, and David Williams.

Receptions

HM Government Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for Business and City Editors. British Red Cross

A reception and auction was held last night at Christie's, St James's, in aid of the British Red Cross. Mrs Elspeth Thomas, chairman. welcomed the guests.Mr Mike Whitlam, director general, and Mr John F. Gray, director of public affairs, also spoke.

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, FRS

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Air Commodore Sir Frank Whinle, OM, KBE, CB, Cdr US Legion of Merit. FRS, FEng, MA, will be held in Westminster Abbey on Friday. November 15, 1996, at noon. Applications for tickets accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, should reach the Ministry of Defence, Pld (Cer) (RAF), Room 344, Adastral House, Theobalds Road, London WCIX SRU, by not later than Monday, October 21, 1996, Applicants should state their connection with Air Commodore Whittle, or the organisation they represent, if applicable. Tickets will be issued 7-10 days before the Service. Applications should not be made to Westminster Abbey.

Mrs Judith Green

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Diana Judith Green will be held at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, Gloucestershire, on Thursday, October 10, 1996, at 3.00pm.

University news

Ordent

The Bristol-Myers Prize in Cardiology for 1996 has been awarded jointly to: Christopher Mark Ball. New Coll-ege: Kenneth Yui-Kong Wong, Green College.



Adam James, 18, wearing his Wristbrace, a reusable splint for fractured wrists that won him the Young Engineer of the Year Award yesterday. The Wristbrace is a double-walled tube filled with gel and a hard outer casing fixed with velcro strips. Adam, from Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun, Mid Glamorgan, received his award from the Duke of Kent at Heathrow Airport

Memorial services

Sir Peter Green

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Peter Green, Chairman of Lloyd's of London, 1980-83, and former Chairman of Janson Green Holdings, was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated. Mr David Rowland, Chairman of Lloyd's of London, Mr Micha Payne, Chairman of Sedgwick Oakwood Lloyd's Underwriting Agents, and Mr John Green, brother, read the lessons. Mr Roger Sedgwick Rough, stepson-in-law, read a poem. Mr Richard Edmunds gave an address. Among others present were:

Lady Green (widow). Mrs Roger Lady Green (widow). Mrs woger sedgwick Rough and Mrs Vicky Black (stepdaughters), Mrs John Green (sister-in-law), Mr and the Hon Mrs James Green, Mr and Mrs Charles Bunbury, Mrs Elizabeth Mackinnon, Mr and Mrs Christopher Newall, Mr Jonathan Green, Mr William Maitiand, Mr and Mrs Christopher Needham, Mr Marcello Ulvert, the Hon Mrs Jame Green. Christopher Needham, Mr Marcello Ulvert, the Hon Mrs Jane Green.
Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Viscount Chelmsford, Viscount Marchwood, Viscountest Dilhorne, Lord Fanshawe of Richmond (thairman, Sedgwick Group) and Lady Fanshawe, Lord Denman, Lady Susan de Meyer, the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, the Hon Charles and Mrs Certil. Sir Peter and Lady Miller, Sir Denis and Lady Mountain. Sir Frank Sanderson (William Hoffee, New York).
Sir Demoor de Trafford, Sir Christopher Royden, Sir Bayley Laurie, Sir Christopher and Lady Royden. Sir Patrick and Lady Royden. Sir Patrick and Lady Sinclair, General Sir John Akehurst (chairman of Governors, Harrow School) with Mr Neville Bomford (headmasten, Mr Michael Liddiard (bursar), and Mr and Mrs Roger Bolssler, Sir Michael and Lady Vernon. Sir Bruce and Lady McPhail, Lady Wontner, Mr Raymond and the Hon Mrs Liver, the Hon Guy Norrie

he Hon Guy Normey Lawrence, Mr and Mrs David Coleridge, Mr Frank Barber. Mrs Hazel Green, Mr Jane Green, Mr Ian Mackinnon, Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Jones, Mr Michael Payne, Mrs J Wootley, Mrs Poter Maltiand, Mrs Joy Haddield, Mr Andrew Scott, Mr and Mrs John Bevan, Mr Aufran Ryan, Mr Lambert Coles, Mrs. Poter Scott Mr Engle.

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Mr Christian Adams

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP, and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service by Mr Andrew Burns at a memorial service for Mr Christian Adams. diplomat, held yesterday at the Church of All Saints, Blackheath. The Rev Henry Burgin offic-ated, assisted by the Rev James Smith and the Rev Leslie Eden, Mr

Nigel Goodman of Eton College read a prayer, Mr Thomas Adams. son, read from The Prophet by Kahill Gibran, and Mr Roger Adams, brother, read from John Bunyans The Pilgrim's Progress. Mr David Dain gave an address. The Ambassador of Thailand and Mrs Rayananonda, and the Mayor of Lewisham attended. Mayor of Lewisnam anemoed. Among others present were: Mrs Adams (widow), Mr Rupert Adams and Mr Nigel Adams (sons), Miss Sarah Adams (daughter), and other members of the family: friends and former colleagues and representatives of the Blackheath Society and other organisations.

Mr Alan Weeks

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Alan Weeks sports commentator, was held yesterday at the Church of All Souls, Langham Place. Preb-endary Richard Bewes officiated. Mr David Wilkie, reud the lesson, Mr Paul Zetter, Chairman of Zetters Group, read a message from Mr Robin Cousins, Mr Jonathan Martin. Head of Sport and Events Group, Television, BBC, read from Nicholas Monsarrat's The Cruel Sea, and Mr Nicky Slater and Miss Karen Barber read from Lewis Carroll's The Hunting of the Snark. Mr

David Coleman gave an address.

During the service Mrs Mari-

anne Cotterill, soprano, sang Voi che sapete from Mozart's The Marriage of Figuro, Mr Laurence d, baritone and piano, sang Sea Feaver, words by John Masefield and music by John Ireland, and Miss Joanne Lunn sang Stanford's Magnificat in G.

sang Stanford's Magnificat in G. Among others present were:

Mrs Weeks (widow), Mr and Mrs Roderick Weeks (son and daugherin-law), Miss Faye Weeks, Mr Adam Feldman and Mr James Noel (grandchildren), Mrs Gabrielle Harrison and Mrs Mary Huckle (isisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Brian Pulham, Mr and Mrs Brian Pulham, Mr and Mrs Anthony Bland, Mrand Mrs John Coffey, Mr Will Wyart (chief executive, BBC Broadcast) with Sir Roger Cary (a consultant to the director-general) and Lady Cary, Mr Jim Reside, Miss Wendy Sheppard, Mr Johnnie Watherston, Mr Brian Barwick, Mr Philip Gilbert, Mr Dave Gordon and Mr Martin Hopkins (Grandsrand) and other members of safe.

Watherston, Mr Brian Barwick, Mr Philip Gilbert, Mr Dave Gordon and Mr Martin Hopkins (Grandstand) and other members of staff.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J.S. Barratt and Miss D.T. Swart The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mrs John Barratt and the late Mr John Barratt of Minsterley, Shropshire, and Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Swart. of Johannesburg. South Africa. Mr D.W.F. Berry Green

and Miss P.C. Barnett The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Berry Green, of Ecchinswell, Newbury, and Petronelia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Barnett, of Barnes, London. Mr A.T.W. Harris

and Miss V.N. Chamberlain The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Harris, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Vassi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Chamberlain, of Chelsea, London SW10.

Mr M.J. Lamb and Miss H.M. Bryson

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Derek Lamb, Takapuna, Auckland, New Zealand, and Harriet, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Bryson, of Comber. Co Down. Mr R.A. Spittle and Miss J. Loffman

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr John Spittle and Mrs Susan Garcia, of Harborne, Birmingham, and Jayne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Loffman, of Oldbury, West Midlands. Mr S.G. Theodorop

and Miss B.J.S.StJ. Brind The engagement is announced between Skey, son of the late Gregory Theodorou and of Mrs. Irene Theodorou, of Athens, Greece, and Bryony, daughter of Major and Mrs Roger Brind, of Wells, Somerset.

Mr R.G. Webster and Miss L.J. Henderson The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Webster, of Great Missenden. Buckinghamshire, and Lucinda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Henderson, of Wivelsfield Green, Sussex.

Mr J.R. Rowland and Miss M-L. Banfield The engagement is announced between John Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Rowland, of Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, and Mary-Louise, daughter of Captain J.M. Harrison-Banfield of Milton, Oxfordshire, and Mrs D.F. Perrens, of Stogursey,

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Marriages

Dr S.W.A. Cannon-Brookes and Miss O. Gaikovich The marriage took place on Sarurday, September 14, at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, London, between Dr Stephen Cannon-Brookes and Miss Olga Gaikovich, of St Petersburg,

Mr R. Johns and Miss K. Huggins
The marriage took place on Sauurday. September 14, in the Church of St John the Evangelist, Edinburgh, of Richard Johnson, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Johnson, of Kimbolton, Cambridge-shire, to Karen Huggins, elder daughter of Mr Martin Huggins and Mrs Astrid Ritchie, of Edinburgh. Canon Neville Chamber laun officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Rachel Huggins and Captain Lorna Wood. Mr Stewart Simpson was best man. A reception was held in the Merchants Hall.

Mr I.J. Newson and Miss G.K. McGrath

The marriage took place on September 7, 1996, at St igustine's Church. Broxboume of Ivan, only son of Mrs P. Newson, to Gina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. McGrath, of

Latest wills pital, University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Jack Drake Huntable of Dorking. Jack Drake Historich of Dorking, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,122,566 net. He left £2,000 each to the British Limbiass Ex-Servicemen's Asso-ciation and the National Trust.

Ernest Kenneth Gregory, of Bromley Cross, Bolton, Lancashire, left estate valued at £2.124.558 net. He left £10,000 to Christ Church, Walmsley and to St Andrews Church, Bromley Cross, Bolton. Kenneth William Elwell, of Great Wyrley, Walsall, Staffordshire, left estate valued at £1,009,923 net. Tom Gordon Fisher, of Hetherszili, Carlisle, left estate valued at

El.322,011 net. Dorothy Rose Taibott, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, left estate valued at £1,929,917 net. She left £5,000 each Housing Association.

Housing Association of Long-benton; Marie Curie Hospice; St Oswalds Hospice, Goslorth. The remainder of her estate to be equally divided between Cancer Research Campaign, Brilish Heart Founda-tion. Arthritis and Rheumadism Council for Research, British Red Cross Society, and Freeman Hos-

£2,597,605 net. John Raymond Dewhurst, of Rimington, Clitheroe, Lancashire, left estate valued at £999,418 net. Arnold Clarke, of Ulverscroft, Leicester, left estate valued at

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Lincolnshire, left estate valued at

11,590,123 ner. Madeline Ellie Kemp, of Northampron, left estate valued at £1,199,605 net. Carol Sims-Roberts, of Buxton, Berkshire, left estate valued at

£1,182,737 net. Nancy Elizabeth Girdwood, of Fairmile, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at (1,037,825 ner. ida Asheroft, of St George's Hill Weybridge, Surrey, left estate val-

ued at £1.008.330 net. Eric Goth Michelsen, of Hawkely, Liss. Hampshire, left estate valued at El,115,790 neL

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Anniversaries

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Wetzlar, Germany, 1797; Meyer Amschel Rothschild, founder of

his wounds after being shot on July 2. Elberon, New Jersey, 1881: Masaoka Shiki. pnet, Tokyo, 1902: Thomas Barnardo, founder of the homes bearing his name. Surbiton, Surrey, 1905; Miles (Stella Maria Sarahi Franklin, Augrelian, novelist, 1954; Sir David Low, cartoonist, London, 1963. The world's first beauty contest was held in Belgium and won by Guadeloune, 1888.

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and Toby, a son, Isaac Jeremy, a brother for Joshua

BLOOMER - On September 17th 1996, to Harriet (née Kirkbride) and Anthony, a daughter, Alice Letitla. BOND - On September 11th, to jenny (née Herbert) and Matthew, a daughter, Nancy

at The Portland Hospital, to Missle Greekensen and Pred Lilly and Harry, a sister and

FIGG - On September 16th 1996, to Charlotte (née Villiers) and Christopher, son, Jake, a brother for GALBRATTH-HELPS

September 15th 1996, to Lirbeth (née Stevens) and Sebastian, a daughter, Clivia Hermicon. EES - On September 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne and Geoffrey, a lovely daughter, Emmy Lauren, a sister for Riley.

McCAil - On September 16th et St Peters, Chestey, to Michelle (pe Catten) and Bobin, a daughter, Keily

NVE - On September 12th at the Sophie (née Goddan) and Timothy, a daughter, Holly Gance - their first child.

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ABLETT - Peter. On 15th
September, suddenly and
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Cheltenham. Very much
loved husband of Patricia,
father of Martin, mother of
Geoffrey, father-in-law of
Jon and gunddather of Mark

AllSOPP - Mark Ramolph of
Mistley, Essex, suddenly on
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of Tauda, father of Jonathan,
Richard, Charles and
Arabella, grandfather of ALISOFP - Mark Ramalph of Mistley, Essex, suddenly on his 58th birthday, Hashand of Tania, father of Jonathan, Richard, Charles and Arabolls, grandfather of Matthia, Funenal at St Mary's Church, Dedham, Sunday 27nd Santamber at 3 nm 22nd September at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Bountless if whited to the heltish Bourt Formation.

CASTLE - On 17th September, Francischy as Boartsack finii Nursing Home, Dorothy May Castle, aged 85 years, of Grange Over Sands, and formerly of Binnston. The very Gear mother of Antony (Jack), Rosemary, Ann, and Kathryn, the much loved sister of Phyli, and a loving grandmother. The funeral service will take place at \$6 Mary's Church, Allithwaits, im Frikay 20th September at the first place of the control of in Finity 20th September at 2 pm. Pamily flowers only please, but donations in memory of Dorothy for

Cuncer Research may be sent to G. Postlethwaite, Peneral Director, Main Street, Grange Over Sands, LA11 60P. Antrobus, on September 17th, widow of Guy and mother of John.

MRI. - Edith (née Steet) on 15th September 1996 peacefully in a nursing sease of 19 years belowd wife of the late Francis. Edith will be eadly missed by all her family. Funeral Services and crematition at Southport Crematorium on Friday 20th September at 11am. Family Bowers only please. Localities to Cope-souther, 120 SEL, val. (0151) 922-1547.

iselle. Percentily at home on 16th September 1996, Leslie, husband of the late Principal (see Feller), granty loved father of Easter and Geoffrey, grandfather of Lesley Ana, Blot, jonathan, Mar and Spencer and father-in-law of Many Ann and joante. A fuheral service will be self at Bertonial Crematorium, Pentland well be seld at Martonianal Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh on Friday 20th September at 10.15 am to which all friends are invited. Flowers if so desired, may be sent cle W.T. Dembar & Sons, 116 Lothizm Road, Edinburgh, donations to Marie Curie, Fairmile Centre, Edinburgh.

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sister of David. Funeral Service on Monday September 23rd at 1 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Finchiev Ecod. NW3, followed by 3 private

AMBPER - Edna passed away poscefully on September 13th 1976, in Oxford, aged 71 years. Wifts of the late Leonard, mother of Colla and Makand Fansani Services in the Memorial Chapel, Oxford Communication.

LOVELL - Pencefully on September 16th 1996, Osborne, the Gandy loved husband of Jane, loving father of Reloyst and Sarah and prove statistics and great-grandfather. Punceral Service at the Land Counts of St Mary, Chickerell, Wermouth, on Montay 23rd of St Mary, Chickerell, Weymouth, on Monday 23rd. September at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations if wished may be sent for St Mary's PCC, Chickerell c/o Grassby French Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorcester, Dorset DTI 1TW, tel: (01305)

MOSELSY - Mickey on September 17th 1996 packfully in his sleep and 82. Dearly loved husband of Maureed and father of Haundy, Gale, William and Fanny, Funeral Service at Rosthume Church 12 moon September 23rd. Family flowers only.

MORRES - (Née Naylor) Mavis
Anne Barbara, on 11th
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RAPIER - Hon. Hugh Lones Napier, fourth son of the Thirteen's Lord Napier and Ettelek, on 17th September 1996 at the Perth Royal Infirmacy after a lifetime of

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STITELING - On 16th Septem 1996, Susan, mother of Esmond, died peacefully, after a courageous battle, supported by the love of many friends. The Regulam Mass will be held at Farm Street Church, London WI at 230 pm on Wednesday 25th September. No flowers,

PHILLIPEON - Leslie, on September 12th 1996 in Athens. dearly loved husband of Helsm Enquiries to Underwood & Co. Solicitors, tel: (0171) 487-4461, Rec. FEEL.

STOWOR - On 17th September very pencefully at home jone, greatly loved wite for lifty years of Prol, mother of Anne-Marie, Ursula, Richard, Clare, Matthew and of the has Ethasheth and Charles. Much adored by her eight general Marie, Charles, Mach adored by her eight general Charles, Mach adored by her eight general Charles, Mach adored by her eight general Schurch, Hasolpove Road, Haywards Heath, at 11am Tuesday 24th September. No flowers but donations if wished payable to Mencap c/o P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, West Suner RH16

mission - josephine Mary, on September 16th, late of New Malden, after a severe illness courageously challenged Funeral Service at Christchurch, Coombe Road, New Maiden, Surses at I pm Wednesday 25th September followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if dealed to Machillan Human may be sent to Fredk, W. Faine, 29 Coombe Road, Norbiton, Surrey XY2 7AY.

WRUBEL - On September 14th 1996, after a long illness our beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Mis Wrahel died in her 80th year surrounded by her family. The funeral is being held privately. All donations in lieu of flowers in hammery of Mia to: Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3 371.

High Wycombe and Laycock, died peacefully at Ashley Rouse Nursing Home, Cirencester on 14th September 1996 in her 96th year. Beloved sister, aunit, year. Seleved elster, ann, great-aunt and friend. She was a pitted local histories and lifelong gardener. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 24th September at Clauseater Facial Counch of St. John the Baptist for 11.30 am followed by cremation at Chaltenbar.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

SEVERIDGE - A Memorial Service for Mrs Patricia Beveridge will take place at St james Church, Piccedilly on Tuesday Ist October 1996 at 1130 am. THANKSGIVING

BAXTER - Jane. A Service of Thankspiving for the life of Jame Basier will be half as in Mary's Chutch, St. Mary's Road, Wimbledon, on Thursday September 26th at 3 pm.

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He certainly looked like a Presi-

dent, probably more so than Nixon,

being tall, well-built with silvery

hair, a taste for good suits, heavy

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Spiro Theodore Agnew was born

in Baltimore, the son of a Greek

immigrant vegetable seller. Later

he preferred to be called Ted

because this made him sound more

American. He was educated local-

y before reading chemistry at

Johns Hopkins University and

then, when it became clear he had

no aptitude for the subject,

switched to the University of Balti-

more's Law School. During the war

he served as a company command-

er with the 10th Armoured Divi-

in 1942 he married Elinor Isabel

Judefind, known as Judy. He had

difficulty establishing himself as a

lawyer when he returned from the

war and, with a wife and children

to support, took whatever work he could get, including at one point

running the personnel department

lican politics led to his first elected

post as chief executive of Baltimore

County in 1962. In 1966 he was

elected Governor of Maryland,

beating the Democrat George

Mahoney. Mahoney's campaign

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OBITUARIES

Spiro Agnew, Vice-President of the United States, 1969-73, died in Berlin, Maryland, on September 17 aged 77. He was born on November 9, 1918.

piro Agnew was the somewhat obscure Governor of Maryland who surfaced dramatically in 1968 as Richard Nixon's surprise choice as vice-presidential running mate. "Spiro Who?" was the often-quoted reaction in Washington when his name was announced by Nixon at a press conference during the Republican convention in Miami Beach.

Like Nixon. Agnew came from a new breed of conservative, selfmade Republican politicians. Having grown up in a working-class, immigrant family during the Depression, he had started out as a relatively liberal Republican. But he made an abrupt change of gear during his governorship of Mary-land in the troubled late 1968, when rioters overran the streets of

Afterwards he came down heavily on anything which smacked of "civil disobedience" - and in his view those words covered everything from a full-scale riot to a peaceful student sit-in. His favourite larger however, was the press: those namering nabobs of negativism." as he famously described the liberal newspapers of the United States. However Iudicrous some of his hyperbolic utterances appeared in print, his speeches struck a responsive chord among middle Americans who turned out to elect Nixon in 1968.

Agnew would probably be as little remembered as the select hand of Vice-Presidents who do not succeed to the White House, had it not been for the dramatic way in which he left office. In the summer of 1973 it came to light that his business dealings during his time as Governor had not been unimpeachable. Pay-offs, bribes and kickbacks in the notoriously corrupt state of Maryland were being investigated. Agnew clung on, refusing to admit any wrongdoing. until the very last moment, when to save himself a prison sentence he agreed to enter a "no contest"

plea to tax evasion charges. At the time Nixon was wrestling with his own problems over Watergate, and thus could not afford to embroil himself in those of his Vice-President. So he abandoned Agnew to his fate.

SPIRO AGNEW



Republican nominees Spiro Agnew and Richard Nixon at their party's National Convention in Miami Beach, August 1968

paign for the Republican nomination, and Agnew had publicly thrown his weight behind him. When Rockefeller withdrew - he was to return to the fray on the eve of the convention — Agnew felt let down. Having lost faith in the progressive wing of the party. Agnew decided to back Nixon. He got his reward at Miami Beach.

liberal, were irrevocably damaged in April 1968. Riots broke out in If Agnew did not bring a "name" Baltimore after the death of Martin to the ticket, he provided an Luther King, and Agnew gathered aggressive style which allowed the town's black leaders into his Nixon to look statesmanlike. On office and gave them a dressingthe campaign trail Agnew played down for not doing more to the part of the hard man. He called suppress the unrest. Agnew's han-Hubert H. Humphrey, the Demodling of the incident attracted the cratic nominee, "soft on communism" and "squishy on Vietnam" (a comment which even Agnew's felattention of Nixon who had been compiling his shortlist of running low Republicans found embar-

At this point Agnew was still On the national stage Agnew was feeling peeved by his treatment at an inexperienced campaigner and the hands of the New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Rockefeller he made some clumsy off-the-cuff had conducted an off-and-on camremarks — as when he referred to

Polish Americans as "Polacks", and a Japanese Américan as a "fat Jap". Worse, when Nixon was trying to soften his image by taking an interest in inner city renovation. Agnew announced he would visit no more urban ghettos, declaring: "If you've seen one slum, you've seen them all." The press came down heavily on such comments and Agnew never forgave them.

Despite these indiscretions, Agnew's message was getting across on a popular level, and many Americans viewed him far more favourably than did the media, perceiving in him a blunt-speaking champion for the middle-American values of thrift and hard work.

After Nixon's narrow victory over Humphrey in the November elections, Agnew settled into his first term in a post which had few official responsibilities. From the start he seemed determined to make more of the role and after

only a few months began his revenge on the press, and in particular on that "tiny and closed fraternity of privileged men" who ran, the television networks. The Washington Post and The New York Times also came in for specific attacks for "grinding out the same editorial line". The CBS president, Frank Stanton, hit back and complained that Agnew was trying to intimidate television reporters.

Agnew strongly approved of Nixon's invasion of Cambodia - he called it his "finest achievement" -and was predictably harsh on peace demonstrators, whom he described as "an effete corps of impudent snobs". His extravagant language still found an echo among right-wing Republicans but Nixon, now trying on the mantle of statesmanship, was less impressed. He toyed with the idea of replacing him on the ticket during the run-up to the 1972 Republican convention but eventually decided against it. Accordingly, to his relief, Agnew got his second term in the vice-presidency after Nixon's landslide victory against George Mc-Govern in the November 1972 presidential election.

Now infinitely more experienced Agnew began to position himself for a run at the presidency in 1976. But almost immediately he was beset by problems. In February 1973 a grand jury in Baltimore began to look into his affairs. Maryland politicians had a tradition of easygoing ethics and it appeared that Agnew, following in that tradition, had financially profited from some of the state contracts which he had awarded to developers during his time as Governor. In his defence Agnew, much later, claimed that he had been forced to such extremes in order to finance his political career (he had little

money of his own). He also never

lacked for champions even on this side of the Atlantic - Bernard Levin being a particularly spirited advocate of his cause in the columns of The Times.

But the spotlight was now play-ing on the White House over Watergate, and by September 1973 any form of guilt by association with the Vice-President was out of the question. Here Agnew was largely the victim of circumstance. Having declared firmly that he would not resign at the end of September, he was forced out of office on October 10, 1973. There is, however, no evidence that he knew anything about Watergate and privately he was "appalled" at how the White House had handled the matter. In public, though, he defended Nixon loyally.

The investigation into Agnew's own affairs had begun in August and for to maintain his innocence in the press. But his lawyers were plea-bargaining behind the scenes, and eventually a deal was struck whereby he became liable for a \$10,000 fine and was placed on probation for three years. In his farewell address to the nation on television he, rather grandly, said that he had decided to resign so that Nixon might restore unimpaired confidence and implicit trust" in the office of Vice- President.

Having had to pay his lawyers' bills, Agnew was virtually destitute after he left office, and was forced to borrow money from his friend Frank Sinatra. Gradually, though, he carved out a niche as an international businessman and as a middle-man between American companies and Arab governments. Latterly, he did not have to worry about money for the first time in his life and he also had time to write. In 1976 he published a novel about a Vice-President called The Canfield

Letting bygones be bygones, he decided to attend Richard Nixon's funeral in 1994. The disgraced President, whose resignation had followed within a year of his own, had tried several times to reach him by telephone over the years, but Agnew had remained implacable. Only after Nixon's death, did he feel ready to forgive him: "I decided after 20 years of resentment to put it all aside.

He is survived by his wife, their three daughters and a son.

G. U. 'SCOTTY' ALLAN

G. U. "Scotty" Allan, CBE, MC, AFC, pioneer of Australian civil aviation, died in Sydney on August 12 aged 96. He was born in Lanarkshire on February 2, 1900.

THE last survivor of Australia's "Four Musketeers" of long-distance flying — the others being Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. Charles Ulm and Sir Gordon Taylor — Scotty Allan was a pioneer of air routes between the country's major cities in the early 1930s, Later, with Kingsford Smith he instituted the first direct airmail service from Australia to Britain, a flight which took 34 weeks.

Beginning with Australian National Airways (ANA) on New Year's Day 1930, he opened up the Sydney-Brisbane route, and later the Sydney-Melbourne flight. These were five and six-hour flights over the most hostile terrain, in the fragile three-engined Avro Ten high-wing monoplane, it was a tribute to

FOR SALE



ANA's pilots that so much was achieved without greater loss. The danger inherent in these flights was brought home when, on March 21, 1931, the Avro Ten Southern Cloud, en route from Sydney to Melbourne with six passengers, disappeared in high winds, rain and heavy cloud. The wreckage was not located until 27 years later. On October 26, 1958, a climber in the Strathbozie Mountains found twisted mainframe spars in thick undergrowth at an altitude of 5,000 ft.

Both Ulm and Kingsford Smith perished in the 1930s during separate trans-oceanic flights when their aircraft came down in the sea.

George Urquhart Allan began flying with the Royal Flying Corps in the fierce battles over the Western Front

in 1918. He had been with his squadron for three months before his commanding officer found that he was under age and sent him home.

In the late 1920s he was asked to deliver the first of the Avro Tens for the fledgling ANA which had been founded by Kingsford Smith and Ulm. When he landed in Sydney he was offered a job with ANA which began Australia's first unsubsidised air service between Sydney and Brisbane on New Year's Day, 1930.

At first things went well for ANA. But the disappearance of Southern Cloud was a disaster. The prolonged search for the missing aircraft used up most of its slim capital and in June 1931 the airline went into liquidation.

In November 1931 Allan initiated a Christmas airmail delivery to England in an ex-ANA Avro Ten, but his aircraft was badly damaged on takeoff from Alor Star in Malaysia where he had stopped to refuel. Kingsford Smith rescued him and the

mail in another Avro Ten. Thereafter, the two men shared the flying and arrived at Crowdon on December 16 creating the first direct airmail service from Australia to England. The pair subsequently took the 1932 new year mail to

Australia. Ulm, Allan and Taylor next attempted a round-the-world flight from Sydney in another ex-ANA Avro Ten. But the attempt was eventually abandoned in England after their aircraft had to be retrieved from an Irish beach. Completely rebuilt by Avro after this mishap, Faith in Australia and her three pilots broke the record for the UK-Australia flight, reducing it to less than a week - six days, 17

hours, 45 minutes.

Allan subsequently joined Qantas. He became the airline's chief adviser on new aircraft. From 1935 he was involved with BOAC in the prewar development of the Short Empire flying-boats, then seen as the way forward for intercontinental air travel. They were first introduced on the scheduled 12-day service between Southampton Water and Rose Bay. Sydney, in 1939. During the Second World War Allan served in the RAAF and in 1945 he came to London as Qantas's technical repre-

sentative during the critical time of the development of postwar transport sircraft. Notably he supervised the introduction of the pressurised Lockheed Constellation into Australian service. He retired as deputy chief executive of Oantas in 1961 He is survived by his wife

Barbara and a daughter.

JANE LIDDERDALE Jane Lidderdale, OBE. civil servent and

biographer, died on September 7 aged 87. She was born on July 21, 1909.

ALTHOUGH she spent most of her working career as a civil servant, Jane Lidderdale maintained throughout her life a scholarly interest in the arts. In 1970, after her retirement, she published a biography of her godmother Harriet Shaw Weaver, a hitherto shadowy figure in the literary history of the first half of this century. It cast new light on several major literary figures of that era, for Harriet Shaw Weaver had been the longsuffering patron of, among others, James Joyce, Ezra Pound and T. S. Eliot.

Jane Hester Lidderdale was born in Hamostead and educated at Oxford (Society of Home Students, now Anne's College), where she read PPE. After a period working for the Royal Institute of British Architects she joined the Ministry of Shipping in 1940, where her organisational talents, exercised on both sides of the Atlantic, proved invaluable. Over the next dozen years she was secretary to various Cabinet committees, including the fuel committee in the difficult winter of 1946-47. She worked most closely with Herbert Morrison.

She was appointed OBE in 1952, chiefly for her work during the 1951 Festival of Britain as secretary of its organising committee. She became increasingly interested in researching aspects of public policy. In 1952 the Nathan



Report on Trust Law was published, of which she was the secretary and chief researcher. Even after she left the Civil Service the following vear, she continued to carry out research for a variety of official and semi-official inquiries, especially in the fields of

education and employment. Her highly remarkable fundraising skills and close friendship with the art-historian James Byam Shaw led her to join the Council of the Byam Shaw School of Art, where she served for a quarter of a century. For more than half that time, as chairman, she steered the school through times of great change in art education. It was her shrewd leadership, her innate understanding of the students and their needs and her financial acumen that ensured that the Byam Shaw remains today one of the few totally independent fine art schools in the

country. But she was more than an administrator. The most en-

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during of many public and private philanthropies was her work for the Kensington Day Centre in north Kensington. Convinced of the need to provide a congenial setting where frail, elderly people could keep their independence and share activities and each others' company, Jane Lidderdale founded the centre in 1963. She raised the funds to establish it and chaired its committee with her customary sensitivity and skill for 25 years. The centre remains a flourishing and happy memorial to her unfailing capacity to work for the good of others a capacity underpinned by her deeply held Christian faith.

She was the granddaughter the Victorian painter C. S. Lidderdale and had a lifelong interest in art. But literature was another of her passions. In 1962 she became a guardian of James Joyce's daughter Lucia, who suffered from chronic mental illness. In 1970 she published Dear Miss Weaver, the biography of the patron of Joyce and other major literary figures. It con-tributed significantly to scholarship on the subject and Lidderdale devoted much of her time to dealing with the extensive correspondence her book generated.

Never less than formidable and often intolerant of those who did not meet her own high standards. Jane Lidderdale had an endearing generosity and sense of fun. This was manifested in, for example, her creation of a fictional "society for narrower roads", a humorous protest at increasing volumes of traffic. She never married.

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE. The play then began, and when Mr.

KEMBLE again made his appearance, the sense of the house could not be mistaken; and it grew more and more decidedly adverse to the imposition, to the end of the whole performance both of play and farce. We believe not a single word of either was heard by the most acute listener in the house: hisses, groans, yells, screeches, barks, coughs, shouls, cries of "Off! lower the prices! six shillings! pickpockets! imposition! cut-purse!" &c. served to vary, but nothing could add to, the clamour of the house, which was painfully kept up whenever there was always at its highest when Mr. KEMBLE was there. During all this time, that Gentleman treated the audience with the coolest neglect, and, as did all the rest of the performers, went through his part as well as if he had been playing to a listening and admiring audience. When he first appeared, indeed, to speak the address, a paper was handed to him from the pir: he glanced at it, and, as we suppose, found it was not a friendly one: for he blushed, and huddled it into his pocket. This was all that happened in the paper way. The audience grew indigmant at Mr. KEMBLE's coolness, and always singled him out for peculiar disapprobation. In the second act of the play, the Pit came to a

ON THIS DAY

September 19, 1809

The opening night of the new theatre, designed by Robert Smirke with statuary by Flaxman. The great expense incurred led John Philip Kemble, the lessee, to raise prices, which led to riots lasting 61 nights; eventually Kemble was forced to revert to the old prices.

resolution to turn their backs upon him; but curiosity soon led them round again: however, they continued almost throughout the play to stand up with their hats on. During the performance of the Quaker, a candle was thrown at Mr. LISTON. After the conclusion of the whole, the uproar still continued, when three persons, said to be Magistrates, made their debut on the stage, and attempted to speak altogether: but not being able to command respect or hearing, one of them produced a paper, which was conjectured to have been the Riot Act. The audience burst out into a fresh eruption at this, and emitted, "No

Magistrates, no Police in a Theatre!" The illadvised men retired bowing. Constables now attempted to clear the pit and galleries; but they met with opposition in the former, and evasion in the latter, the inhabitants of the upper gallery dropping themselves quietly into the under. By degrees, the uproar subsided into loyalty, and we left about fifty people in the house singing 'God save the King! There was at no time throughout the evening, any disposition to wanton or mischievous riot on

the part of the audience. It was a noble sight to see so much just indignation in the public mind: and we could not help thinking, as Mr. KEMBLE and Mrs. SIDDONS stood at the stage, carrying each of them 500l, upon their backs in clothes, that it was to feed this vanity and to pay an Italian singer, that the public were screwed. They, however, resented the imposition last night as became them; and the only resource they now have is, as the Proprietors of the Theatre take no notice of them, to take no notice of the Proprietors of the Theatre, Let the company play to empty benches; let the public agree to desert the Theatre; and we shall see which can do without the other the longest. The Proprietors must come down; competitors at low prices will be rising up on all sides; and they had better gracefully give up what in the end will be ignominiously wrested from them.

King's Cross

To Kent

SWISS ski resorts have thrown down the gauntlet to Austria, France and Italy and are offering cut-price deals and free ski passes to woo the British back to the slopes.

After years of rising prices and fierce competition from rivals, which led to a sharp drop in the number of UK visitors, the Swiss are turning the clock back and launching value-for-money holidays at its resorts below the Eiger. Mönch and Jungfrau peaks. Last week Switzerland Tourism flew a party of British ski writers and tour operators by Air Engladina executive let from London's City Airport to Berne for a

joch, the 11,333ft-high Top of Europe complex in the Alps. Urs Eherhard, UK director of Switzerland Tourism, told the conference: "We have to change the perception that Switzerland is expensive. UK tourists think that now that France is expensive, then prices in Switzerland must be sky high. But if you compare Verbier with Meribel, the

summit meeting at Jungfrau-

prices are about the same." Mr Eberhard announced that Swiss tourism had joined forces with seven UK tour operators — Crystal, Ing-hams, Kuoni, Plus Travel, Powder Byrne, Swiss Travel Service and Thomson — to promote discount deals in the Jungfrau region this season.

Nick Rudge, general manager of Swiss Travel Service, said: "Swiss Air has just introduced a new early flight from Heathrow to Zurich saving £60 per person on Christ-mas and New Year skiing packages and allowing travel-lers to ski on the first day.

Other special offers include a day's free heli-skiing in Zermatt and a helicopter sightseeing trip around the Matterhorn.

Lee Ormesher. general manager of Thomson ski. lakes and mountains holidays, said that Thomson was offer ing early-booking savings and free ski passes on a first-come, first-served basis.

Inghams and Kuoni are both launching promotions for skiing and snowboarding in Switzerland next month. with competitions to win free

holidays and ski passes. Crystal said it was offering chalet holidays from £359 a person. The same holiday starts from £239 by self-drive, including Le Shuttle crossing.

Challenge to **Hong Kong**

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

SINGAPORE is stepping up its efforts to become the leading gateway to South East Asia in the wake of the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong next summer.

The country's tourism authorities have launched an initiative called Tourism 21 to persuade cruise passengers. business travellers and holiday shoppers that Singapore is not as bland or authoritarian as many people believe.

The strategy is based on developing links with tour operators to establish Singapoint for Far East travellers from the UK. By preserving aspects of the country's history and developing new sporting and cultural activities, the tourism authorities hope visitors can be persuaded to stay for longer.

Swiss cut the cost of Hotels suffer as guests turn to theft

GROWING army of kleptomaniacs is alarming British hoteliers, according to The Good Hotel Guide 1997 published this week. Encouraged by the availability of free sewing kits and bottles of shampoo, guests are starting to take larger objects and to fill mini-bar bottles with cold tea.

In his introduction to the guide, Hilary Rubinstein, the editor, says that hotels expect guests to help themselves to freebies" such as tubes of hair conditioner but clearly not face flannels or books, let alone hair dryers. He writes: "I hate coathangers which cannot be removed from the wardrobe but recognise that congenital pillering of such objects is an expensive annoyance to hoteliers."

Mr Rubinstein reports an incident that occurred when a guest was saying goodbye to Brian Sack of Sharrow Bay, Ullswater, a hotel that has appeared in the annual guide since it was first published 20 years ago.

The guest opened her handbag and inadvertently revealed three hotel ashtrays. Mr Sack relates that he nonchalantly removed two, saying: "I think one is acceptable, Richard Sherwood of Ash-

but three is just a bit greedy." wick House, Dulverton, Somerset, has found an ingenious method of minimising his losses by putting this notice in rooms: "We hope you appreci-

becoming increasingly wor-

ried about the amount of

carry-on luggage passengers are trying to take on flights.

Rules limiting the size and number of hand-carried bags

are regularly flouted, causing

congestion of overhead lug-

gage bins and widespread irritation. Injuries have been

caused when passengers trip

over bags stowed on the floor.

young travellers who have

tried to take their rucksacks on

board, or the harassed young

families bogged down by the paraphernalia of parenthood.

Business executives on stop-

over assignments like to take

their overnight bags into the

cabin because it quickens their

Airport check-in staff for

several airlines are now more

vigilant Craig Jenks, a New

York-based airlines analyst,

says: "This is an increasing

problem and there is a lot of

ed to check that bags are not

beyond a certain size and one

airline, United, has started to

list "carry-on critical" flights

Measuring hins are provid-

discussion about it."

getaway.

The culprits are not just

THE WINNING HOTELS FOR 1997

Country house hotel of the year: Hartwell House, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Unpressured home hospitality: Boscundle Manor, St Austell, Comwall.

Newcomer of the year: Romney Bay House, New Romney, Kent.

Scottish hotel of the year: Kikamb Lodge, Strontlan, Highlands.

The prince of Welsh hotels: Ynyshir Hall, Eglwysfach, Powys.

The best of Lakeland hospitality: Ivy House, Braithwaite, Cumbria.

Best restaurant with rooms, Irish-style: Aherne's, Youghal, Co Cork.

Best budget hotel in the North: The Coach House, Crookham,

Best budget hotel in the South: Hancocks Farmhouse, Cranbrook, Kept.

Airlines target

the heavy mob

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

For acceptable mild eccentricity: Frogg Manor, Broxton, Cheshire.

ate all the small touches which we have added around the hotel." He adds: "Unfortunately, not everybody leaves things for future guests to enjoy. The favourite items are soap dishes, handmade toilet-roll holders, Laura Ashley sewing kits, napkin rings, hair dryers, torches, telephones and hot-water bottles.

"Superior rooms have minibars. We have learnt that you need a razor blade to cut the seal around a mini vodka bottle. You can then drink the contents and fill it up with water. For whisky and rum, it is a little more difficult, but you can fill the bottles with unmilked tea. It has happened in this hotel."

The guide's top ten awards include hotels where the prices are so high that guests might think this sort of behaviour is acceptable, including Hartwell House, Aylesbury; its double rooms start at £160 a night. The guide also features more modest establishments.

Lynne Anderson's guest house at Crookham in Northumberland, where dinner, bed and breakfast starts at £36.50. wins the award for best budget hotel in the North of Eng-land and the Ivy House Hotel Braithwaite, Cumbria, where the price for the same facilities is £49.95, is praised for the best of Lakeland hospitality. ● The Good Hotel Guide 1997,

Ebury Press, £14.99.

E550 million scheme to turn Heathrow into the world's most efficient and environ-

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

Airports' high-speed

link set for take-off

into Heathrow, a cap on the number of parking spaces and 25p levy on car parking charges, a boost in the number of bus and coach services and the creation of a 60-mile network of cycle routes

HEATHROW

RAIL STRATEGY

around the airport for staff. The key development is a series of proposed rail links being studied by BAA. Railtrack and a number of private companies which nave shown an interest in running the trains. Among the options are links to St Pancras, Acton. Watford Junction. Manchester and Birmingham

and the South West.

develop first will be taken by the end of this year. The link is likely to be opened by January 1999, after new electric trains have been ordered and built.

Gatwick has been regarded by many within the airline industry as "Heathrow's third runway" for years - but connecting passengers have been forced to use a coach service on the often heavily congested M25 to get between the two airports. Under the new £88 million proposal, the existing Thameslink service from Gatwick would be extended from King's Cross through West Hampstead and

£350 million Heathrow Ex-

press line to the airport. The Heathrow Express is expected to attract six million passengers in the first year after it opens in June 1998, an average of 17,000 a day. This would result in 3,000 fewer vehicles on Heathrow's roads

BAA said yesterday that the package of proposals was aimed at enabling more than half of Heathrow's passengers to arrive at the airport on public transport. Currently. only 34 per cent do so. BAA's technical director, Michael Maine, says: "We are doing more than anyone could have hoped or expected to encour-

Wish we weren't

A TRAVEL agency clerk booked a couple in their eighties into an apartment from the beach in the youn-

here

Now the pensioners have received an apology and their money back for the mistake. Albert and Dorothy Littlewood from Caister, Norfolk, went into the Lunn Poly agency in Great Yarmouth to choose a holiday from the Thomson brochure. But when they arrived in Playa de Las Americas, the frail couple discovered that their apart-

ment was an hour's laborious walk up steps from the beach. Mr Littewood, 84, said: "1 told the lady whom we booked the holiday with about the difficulty we have climbing steps and she told us not to worry about it."

Lunn Poly said that it was "extremely sorry" and blamed its sales team for not following instructions for dealing with elderly or infirm customers.

their property had been confis-

cated when the communists

took power. Anyone who has

uny dealings with this proper-

ty, or the people involved, in Cuba, can be refused entry to

the US and have their US

assets seized. From March,

The Foreign Office is ada-

they could face prosecution.

Is mass tourism a curse or a blessing?

THE Prince of Wales has struck a chord with holidaymakers who have discovered ugly tower block hotels dominating the once beautiful sky-lines of their favourite resons.

The Prince described "the unstoppable seeds of destruction for the unspoilt part of our world which drive the quest for travel in the first place". He told Green Hotelier magazine of the spreading 'uglification". and said: There are too many eyesores

in the world designed as cheap, featureless dormitory blocks with no regard to how the building blends with its surroundings or how its construction and operation will impact on the environment or the local community."

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He is, of course, correct, We have all cringed at the concrete awfulness of some hotels and apartment blocks, raged about the intrusive noise of fellow guests and the aircraft in which they travel, and



bemoaned the sameness of hotel chains all over the

There are more worries. Some xillagers are being forelbly removed to make way for hotels, water tables are being drained to provide showers and swimming pools for the insatiable guests, coral reefs are being damaged, and animais are being pushed to the edge of extinction through pressure on their habitats.

But increasing numbers of people want to travel. The new middle classes of the former Soviet empire are now international tourists: the youngsters of Japan and the "tiger" economies of the East want to travel and see the West. The older generation in Britain is taking holidays in Vietnam, Thailand and South America when, a few decades ago, it would have ventured no further than Margate.

Can governments control tourists? Should governments, let alone the tourism industry, dictate where and trois should surely not be put into the hands of such people as Lynne Pemberton, the hotelier and novellst who this week bemoaned changes brought by tourism to Barbados, attacking the "urbanis-ation that reeks of bad tuste, ghastly pseudo-colonial resort hotels that crawl across oncedeserted beaches".

"Where" she cried in The Mail on Sunday, "are all the cute little donkeys pulling dilapidated hand-daubed carts or the highly polished Austins and Vanguards, 1950s relics of a bygone English era? Now the roads are crowded with slick little Toyotas and gleaming Jeeps."

Tourism has brought pros-perity to many Barbadians, and the Caribbean island is now visited by millions who would never be able to afford the exclusive luxury of the grand hotels. But Ms Pemberton's views — much more extreme than any voiced by the Prince of Wales - are common among many.

Tourism has given economic prosperity to millions of people. Many of the lessons' have been learnt from early mistakes, such as the quick construction of ugly hotels. In Majorca, for example, the worst of the old hotels are now being pulled down.

Though Prince Charles seems to have as few answers as any of the rest of us to the questions he has raised, we can at least hope he has sparked an informed debate.

French hit by new collapse 班 報 學 學 場 (1) # 4

A decision on which to



Air France: its holidays operation has fallen victim to price wars and exchange rates

AIRLINES in America are on which space is likely to be THE collapse in holiday sales tight. Travel agents then advise passengers that the rules

will be strictly enforced.

The problem has grown with the increased occupancy rates on US domestic flights. When aircraft often flew at 50 per cent capacity, it did not matter if a few passengers exceeded the limit. But now, with horter competition, there

is less room to spare. At the same time, passengers appear to have lost the art of travelling light. Laptop computers are now de rigueul for many travellers, adding to the on-board clutter. Reduced in-flight food services have encouraged other passengers to travel with picnics, on top of which there are assorted music systems, sports accesso-

ries and bulky briefcases. The main culprits are the "wheelie" cases. Their wheels can rip seat covers and are often too heavy to place in the overhead bins. The Luggage and Leather Goods Manufacturers of America says its members are producing 'piggy-back" cases which zip together to disguise the fact that they are separate items.

to France continues, with the failure of another long-established tour operator this week. Air France Holidays will close on October 31. having lost E175,000 and seen bookings tumble by 40 per cent in the

30-35 minute Thameslink type service: St

45 minute service: Watford Junction via Wembley Central and Eating

A FAST rail link between

Heathrow and Gatwick that

would allow travellers to

make quick connections be-

tween the two airports could

open within the next three

The planned route is one of

six options being studied by companies eager to join the

airports operator BAA in a

mentally friendly multi-

Among other proposals in the plan, unveiled yesterday at

the long-running inquiry into the proposed fifth terminal,

are the building of a bus-only

lane on the busy M4 spur road

transport hub.

past few years.
About 1,000 customers booked to travel will have their holldays protected, and the company's bonds will remain in place until all customers abroad have returned.

Operators to France have been hit since 1993 by the poor exchange rate and a ferry and air-price war which has encouraged holidaymakers to By STEVE KEENAN

travel independently. While short-break sales have grown, summer sales of self-catering and touring holidays have plummeted. Last month, Brittany Fer-

ries took over the UK operations of one of the best-known names in travel across the Channel. Gites de France. The company's sales had fatten from 100,000 customers in 1993 to around 20,000 this year. Britain's biggest operator, Thomson, scrapped its French Riviera self-catering and hotels programme for 1997 following poor sales. And

French villa specialist Kings-land Holidays also folded this summer. Several other selfcatering operators to France are clinging on by their fingertips after a 10 per cent fall in sales in 1994 and a 20 per cent fall last year. Air France Holidays had

operated in the UK for 22 years. Two years ago the company carried 25,000 holidaymakers, but the figure shrank to less than 16.000 this year, according to Francoise Teruel, the Air France Holidays managing director in the UK. Staff numbers at the company's London office had already been cut from 44 to 15.

EU plans action on Cuba law

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

EUROPEAN Union Foreign Ministers are preparing joint action against America over a law that is disrupting thousands of holiday plans and could lead to the arrest of British business people.

An EU meeting on October 1 is expected to back the introduction of legislation to block the Helms-Burton Act. which gives Washington the power to penalise foreign businesses dealing with Cuba.

> TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

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At least two British execu-tives have been refused entry to the US because the company with which they were associated had dealings with Cuba. Now British tour operators are in disarray over the continued sale of holidays to the island.

Thomson, the Canadianowned company that included Cuban holidays in early brochures but refused to allow travel agents to sell them because it feared its directors could be prevented from entering America, has withdrawn the offer. Ironically, Canada this week introduced a law protecting citizens and companies from "extraterritorial" action that might be taken. Airtours says it is withdraw-

ing Cuba from sale for next winter, blaming "poor sales". But First Choice says it is selling as normal and Sunworld insists that business will continue as usual.

The US law was introduced after pressure from exiled Cubans who claimed that

mant that there is nothing to prevent British citizens from

visiting Cuba. Last year about 20,000 Britons went to the island, which appeared to be on the brink of a tourist boom.

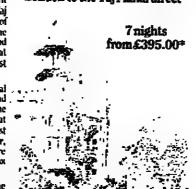
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Bargains of the week — from a weekend break in Knightsbridge to a fortnight's B&B in Goa

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HAMBURG and Esbjerg in Denmark are available with Scandinavian Seaways, which is selling breaks consisting of two nights on board and a city tour. Hamburg costs £69 a person departing on September 24. Esbjerg E59 leaving October 1. Details: 0990

SEA France is selling fiveday returns on its Dover-Calais route for £39.50. Day returns at El a passenger and E10 for a car and occupants are also available. Details:

P&O European Ferries is selling day trips on its Dover-Calais route at £16 a car and £1 a passenger. Foot passengers can buy day returns for £1. Details: 0990 980980.

RED Funnel has launched a £30 weekend return package on the Southampton-Cowes route, including a car and up to four people. Sailings are on Fridays, from 4pm, with any return until the last Sunday sailing, available until December 15. Details: 01703 334010.

SEACAT Scotland will carry a car and four adults on its 5am daily sailing from Stranraer to Belfast, returning any day at 8_30pm for £175, valid until January 6 next year. Details: 0345 523523,

NICE for £209 a person for a week's self-catering holiday with a flight from Garwick on September 28 is among late offers from Lunn Poly, available from any of the compa-

ny's 800 Holiday Shops.

■ CARIBTOURS offers £63 a person off holidays using BA flights from Garwick to Barbados. Grenada and St Lucia from today until October 6. cutting the cost of a week on Grenada to £527 a person and a week's half-board at Coconut Creek, Barbados to £950. Details: 0171-581 3617.

CORFU villas on the quiet northeast coast are still available from tomorrow and next Friday from CV Travel from £335 a person including flights. Details: 0171-581 0851.

FLORIDA fly-drive holidays are available for £229 a person for a fortnight, excluding accommodation, from Page & Moy, with a flight from Garwick next Tuesday. Details: 0116-250 7116.

accommodation and a flight from Luton next Wednesday is available from Cosmos. Details: 0161-480 5799.

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£329 with bed and breakfast

CAPRI is available for a week's holiday instead of the usual daytrip from the Italian coast from Headwater Holidays with flights this Saturday and next. The price, including bed and breakfast and notes on local walks, is £526 a

person. Details: 01606 48699.

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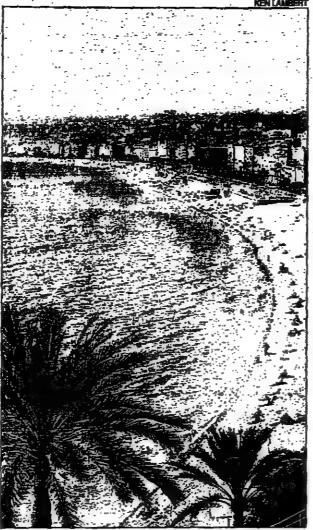
■ GOA for £419 a person for a fortnight, with a flight from Gatwick on October 3 and including bed and breakfast accommodation, is available from Advantage Travel Cen-tres: Details: 0990 891888.

TURKISH Jeep Safaris are on offer for £450 a person from Accommodation Overseas, with a flight from Gatwick on October 5, including two nights in a hotel and five mights camping. Details: 0181-

MALTA for £239 a person for a formight's self-catering trip is available from Portland Direct, with a flight from East Midlands, on October 8. Details: 0990 002200.

■ BOOK by October I for a £250 saving from the Cruise Line on a week's six-island Caribbean cruise leaving San Juan on December I and taking in Barbados and Martinique. The offer price of £699 a person includes non-stop flights from Gatwick, and all meals and entertainment. Details: 01273 835252

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A FREE demonstration disk of the Hotel Disk from Official Airline Guides is now available, listing more than 15,000 hotels in 49 European countries. The system is updated quarterly in either disco or CD-Rom format and an annual subscription costs £165 plus VAT. Details: 01582 695390.

SAVE up to £10 a person on short breaks at the Billesley Manor Hotel in Stratford upon-Avon when booking through Highlife Breaks. Half-board accommodation until October 31 is reduced from £97 to £87 a person a night, with bed and breakfast packages down from £76 to £72. Details: 0800 700400.

INTER-CONTINENTAL Hotels has added Zurich and Barcelona to its Heart of the City weekend break programme, valid until next March. A room for two at the Princesa Sofia in Barcelona costs about £79 a night, while the room rate at the Inter-Continental Zurich is £88. Details: 0181-8472277.

ASHDOWN PARK Country House Hotel in East Sussex has a "taste of opera" evening on October 6 leaturing a four-course dinner with operatic highlights for £59 a person. A special overnight rate of £99.20 a person, based

on double occupancy, is also

available, a 20 per cent discount on the usual rates. Details: 01342 824988. ■ GOOD hotel deals are available in Orlando, Florida. until December 20 from Hotelshop USA. The Trav-

elodge at the Florida Mall, for

example, has a price of just £19

a room a night with rooms

accommodating up to four people. Details: 0181-995 3010. THE luxury Hotel de L'Europe in Amsterdam has a twonight offer until December 23 of £400 a room, double occupancy, or £216 single. The package is for a Friday or Saturday arrival. Details: 0800 181123.

■ THE new "weekend break" rate at the Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge, London, is £110 a night a person includ-ing VAT, based on double occupancy. There is also free use of the hotel's spa and health club. Details: 0171-235

STAY at the four-star Merrion Thistle Hotel in Leeds and visit the nearby royal armouries exhibition Cost per adult is £54 a night double occupancy, including dinner, breakfast and admission to the exhibition. Details: FLIGHTS

DURING September, Malmo Aviation is providing a free ticket for business-class pas-sengers paying the full fare of £548 between London City and southern Sweden. The free ticket can be used between October I and December 31. Details: 01293 530839.

LUPUS Travel has discounted fares on Alitalia via Rome to southern Africa, Latin America and Asia. A return ticket to Johannesburg costs £409, Hong Kong £454 and Bombay £339, Details: 0171-306 3000.

■ VIRGIN Atlantic flights to New York costing £240 return are available through Travelmood. Details: 0171-258 0280.

TWO business-class passengers booking World Airlines between London City and Amsterdam can travel for the price of one when paying for the £229 three-day excursion. Details: 0171-287 6000.

■ CITYJET, an Irish airline, has a companion-fare offer between London City and Dublin. A passenger booking the ESS excursion can take a friend for £44. Details: 0345 445588.

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Rifkind joins EMU battle

Britain's relations with the European Union were thrown into fresh turmoil after Europe's leaders responded sharply to a warning from Malcolm Rifkind that the single currency would split the Continent in two.

The Foreign Secretary was praised by leading Euro-sceptics for stating that the divided EU that would be created by monetary union was not the aim of its founding fathers Page 1

Cook gives Blair boost from Left

Tony Blair will be given an important boost today when Robin Cook, leader of the Labour left, delivers a warm tribute to his leadership and calls on the party to fall in behind him. The move, clearly designed to steady party nerves ahead of what may be a difficult conference, comes amid rumblings among the left about Mr Blair's intentions

Submarine mystery

South Korea's navy and air force were on full alert after 11 North Koreans from a stranded submarine were found dead during what appeared to be a bungled infiltration operation Page 1

Faster ambulances Proposals for a two-tier ambu-

lance service that will require crews to respond to priority calls within eight minutes could save 3.200 lives a year......Page I

Soldier killed by mob

A British soldier serving with Nato-led forces in Bosnia has died after being set upon by a Croatian mob wielding baseball bats and iron bars Pages I. 10

Election battleground John Major and Tony Blair fought for the "moral high ground" as the Prime Minister defined this as a key battleground in the run-up to the general

Raffles boast

A convicted blackmailer accused of organising a £20 million kidnap and murder plot from his prison cell boasted that he was a modern-day. Raffles who used high-society connections to "liberate" objets d'artPage 3

Gallery wins £2.5m

An anonymous donor has given £2.5 million to the Wallace Collection, enabling the London gallery to seek a lottery grant Page 5 travel office in 1993 Page 13

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New teachers are to be schooled in traditional educational methods, said the Educational Secretary, Gillian Shephard Page 8 Rating No 10

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Maurice Papon, a former Cabinet minister, must stand trial for crimes against humanity for allegedly deporting Jews to Nazi death camps when he was a Vichy official. Page 10

Royal interference

Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands is coming under fire for her behind-the-scenes political activities which have resulted in ambassadors being levered out of their posts and allegations of censorship

Apartheid 'plot'

A former police colonel has directly implicated F. W. de Klerk. South Africa's last white President, in operations to murder Page 12 opponents...

New Clinton row Republicans sparked a row by accusing the White House of mounting a cover-up to conceal the role of President Clinton in

the dismissal of the White House

Champagne without tears

Parties may soon go with a phut, if a revolutionary new champagne cork catches on. It has a tab on the side which, when tugged, pulls a tiny peg inside the cork upwards, reducing the girth of the cork inside the bottle. At the same time, a hole opens in the base of the cork's mushroom-shaped top, releasing gas from the neck of the bottle.



Soldiers boarding the stranded North Korean submarine that may have landed infiltrators on the South Korean coast. Page I

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British Energy: The nuclear industry is poised to make up to 2,000 job losses as British Energy starts to streamline and the remaining stateowned reactors make cuts halted by privatisation Page 23 Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 16.6 to 3955.7. On the foreign exchange the pound rose from \$1.5548 to \$1.5608

and from DM2.3543 to DM2.3545.

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Cricket: Leicestershire go into the final round of Britannic Assurance championship matches requiring Il points to secure the county's second title Page 44 Rugby union: The discordant

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sounds emerging from England's rival factions gave no indication that peace is likely to break out as a result of the most recent discussions Footbalk Manchester City will end

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Doctor's dilemme: A Caesarean section may be necessary when labour is obstructed and the lives of mother and baby are in jeopardy, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford, who recalls the traumatic birth of his

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Mrs Shephard's job now is to translate a worthy political intention into reality against a cunning ____Page 17 opposition.....

The blue Oranges

If continental monarchies have less. pomp and protocol than our own, they have shown that informality is no guarantor of universal popularity....

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The Vietnam War did to America

what the Somme did for Britain; it destroyed the confidence of the public in the competence of the elite, and destroyed the confidence of the elite in itselfPage 16 JOHN REDWOOD

One day both Brussels and the regional movements will wake up to the reality that they are not natural allies. It is an alliance of convenience. At the moment both sides want to undermine nations. If they succeed, they will end up as enemies. Brussels will come to see that attacking national authority will make it more difficult, not less, to establish a new, supra-national authority.....

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In their headlong rush towards a new age the professional rugby union clubs would be foolish to ignore the old well-beaten paths of tradition.....

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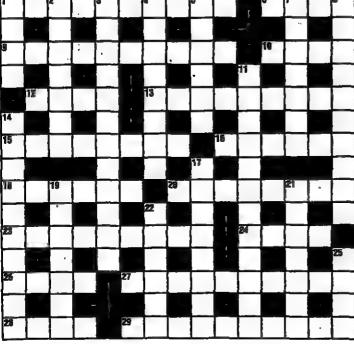
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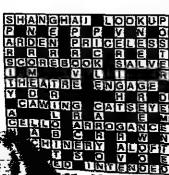
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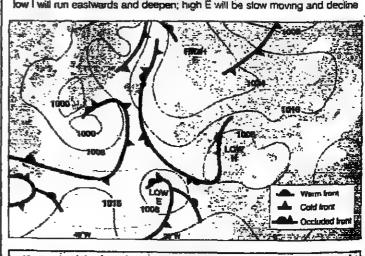
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Morgan Grenfell sacks Young over misconduct

By PAUL DURMAN

DEUTSCHE Morgan Grenfell has sacked Peter Young, the fund manager held responsible for plunging the group's formerly respected investment arm into crisis.

Mr Young, until recently manager of the top-performing European Growth unit trust, was dismissed for gross misconduct late on Tuesday. He was already under suspension. It seems that Mr Young had become increasingly unco-operative over Deutsche Morgan Greniell's investigation into the events that led it two weeks ago to suspend dealings in £1.4 billion of investment funds.

When the German-owned investment bank first discovered the problems last month, Mr Young initially helped his bosses to unravel the complex of Luxembourg companies that he had used to disguise his massive holdings in unquoted and high-risk technology stocks. It is believed he has become much less willing to explain his actions since Peters & Peters, the City law firm that represents Kevin Maxwell, began advising him.

No one at Peters & Peters could be contacted for comment yesterday evening.

Deutsche Morgan Grenfeli said that it expects it will be another four to six weeks before it completes its investigations. One of the issues it will have to examine is whether Mr Young stood to gain personally from his manoeu-Morgan Grenfell Asset Management and the Royal Bank of Scotland, trustee to two of the three funds involved, have already obtained an injunction to freeze Mr Young's assets.

Other senior figures at MGAM are expected to lose their jobs over the recent debacle. Among the most exposed are Keith Percy. MGAM's chief executive. Glyn Owen, the chief invest-

Young's immediate superior. and Graham Kane, who heads Morgan Grenfell's unit

trust company.

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell said that fewer investors are seeking to pull their money out of the three troubled funds since Deutsche Bank, its German parent, indicated last week that it would, if necessary, start buying units in the funds. A spokesman said that this provided "the ultimate guarantee" that investors would not lose their money. When the funds first returned from suspension, they were hit by a wave of redemptions.

So far, investors have withdrawn about £250 million from the affected funds, which also include the Europa unit trust and a Dublin investment European Capital Growth. The three funds have about £1.1 billion remaining.

The problems at Morgan Grenfell are the most serious in the history of the unit trust industry. The investment Management Regulatory Organisation has begun its own investigation in an attempt to prevent any repeat.

Around 90,000 mostly private customers invested in the company's European funds, attracted by their consistently table-topping performance. Mr Young, 38, took over their management in May 1994. He began to invest increasingly in high-tech stocks that promised huge returns but involved large risks. These companies often had no profits and only minimal sales. He went on to breach the 10 per cent limit that unit trusts are allowed to invest in unquoted companies. He took advantage of a loop-hole that entitles funds to invest in unquoted companies if they plan to float on a recognised stock market in the near future. This loophole is one of the issues to be examined by Imro.

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Peter Young, who is believed to have become unco-operative over inquiry

Europe may make taxman return £100m to societies

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Government may be forced to pay back £100 mil-lion worth of taxes collected from three building societies after a ruling today by the European Commission on Human Rights that it violated

human rights law. It is expected that, by nine votes to seven, the Strasbourgbased Commission will find the Government in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights over laws that it brought in to stop the societies taking it to court over the taxes.

The Commission will rule that the societies should be compensated because they were denied access to the courts to pursue the case.

The case was brought by the National & Provincial Building Society (taken over by Abbey National), the Leeds Permanent Building Society (now the Halifax) and the Yorkshire Building Society.

it arises over a change in the mechanics of collecting tax on interest from building societies in 1985. Because the societies had differing year ends from the financial year, they gued that they ended up

being doubly saxed.
The Woolwich Building Society lodged a challenge in the courts, eventually taking its case to the House of Lords, where it won a £70 million refund. The law lords upheld its claim that the Government had taxed it twice.

However, the Government then introduced provisions in the Finance Act 1991 that effectively prevented the other societies doing likewise.

One lawyer commented last night: "Here was the Government, a party to the proceedings, deciding to use primary legislation to move the goal-posts with the object of denying the societies from being able to pursue their claims." A ruling against the Government, he added, would show that it cannot "introduce legislation which has the effect of interfering, arbitrarily, with

pending litigation to which the

government is a party". The European Court of Justice, through a series of rulings, has shown that people have a legal remedy against excessive legislation. How-ever, today's opinion by the Commission indicates that there is also a remedy under European human rights law.

The three societies that took their case to Strasbourg were forced to pay what, with interest, now amounts to more than £100 million.

The case is now being referred to the European Court in Strasbourg, but, in most cases, it tends to follow the opinion of the Commission.

In the case of the Yorkshire, at least, which is a mutual, the money would be a windfall for

David Holmes, a spokesman for the society, said last night: "If the Commission has ruled in our favour, and the case is upheld by the European Court, then the money would be of benefit to our members.

Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Halifax, who as the chief executive of the Leeds in 1991 led the campaign against the double tax, said last night: "If this is the case, it is excellent news. We have been pursuing this case with determination for almost ten

In 1991, he said: "When the original raid on our reserves took place, MPs were misled. and now they are being misled

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BT cuts mobile telephone calls

BT is reducing the cost of calls made to the Cellnet and Vodafone networks. Cellnet and Vodafone are expected to follow by reducing their own tariffs, putting more pressure on Orange and Mercury One-2-One, their smaller rivals (Eric Reguly writes).

The charges for calls to Cellnet and Vodafone will fall 8.6 per cent for daytime calls and 11.7 per cent for evening calls, from October 8. The new daytime rate will be 37.5p a minute compared with 41p. while the evening rate will be 25p against 28.3p.

Sales boom puts Clarke on Failures place PFI collision course with Bank under microscope

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A BOOM in high street sales in August brings a showdown on interest rates between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England closer. Retail sales jumped by I per cent compared with July, taking year-on-year growth to 4.4 per cent, the highest since March, 1989. Sales figures have been particularly volatile recently but a comparison of the last three months with the previous three shows growth of 1.6 per cent. according to the Office for National Statistics.

height of the Lawson boom. The latest figures give the Governor further ammunition in his quest for higher interest rates at Monday's monthly monetary meeting with Ken-

This is the best performance

since August 1988, at the

neth Clarke, the Chancellor. Minutes of the July 30 monetary meeting, published yes-George, the Governor, stopped just short of recommending a rate rise. But he said openly that he would prefer rates to be at 6 per cent instead of 5.75 per cent because of the

strength of consumer demand. Mr George said that, although it was possible that the data had exaggerated the underlying acceleration of demand, there was an opposite risk that, if the acceleration continued throughout the summer and into the autumn, it would become increasingly

A week after that meeting. the Bank made clear in its Inflation Report that it would like to see rates higher if the Government is to hit its inflation target. It also openly criticised the Chancellor's decision to cut base rates in June.

Mr Clarke assured the Bank at the July 30 meeting that he would raise rates if inflation pressures picked up as a result of stronger growth.

Minutes of a meeting on September 4 are yet to be published, Evidently, the Chancel-

for decided to leave rates unchanged but it is not known whether this was against the Bank's express advice. Within total retail sales, textiles, clothing and footwear sales over the last three months grew at their strongest

pace for ten years.

By KEITH RODGERS

THE credibility of the Government's Private Finance Initiative has been dealt two further blows with a Welsh hospital scrapping one scheme and two contractors pulling out of a high-profile tendering process for St Thomas' Hospital in

London.
The PFI programme, designed to spread the risk of major expenditure between the public and private sectors. has been dogged by problems, particularly in the health secfor. There have been complaints about the cost and ength of the procurement process, lack of expertise in the rusts and affordability.

The Welsh Office confirmed esterday that the University Hospital of Wales had applied for public funds for a development project originally designed to be funded through PFI. It is understood the hospital had exhausted all avenues in seeking private

it has also emerged that Amec, the construction company, has also decided not to proceed with a bid for a £100 million development project at St Thomas' Hospital. The decision leaves just one bidder, a consortium including Tarmac, following the withdrawal of another shortlisted candidate earlier this year. The Trust cannot decide

whether to proceed with the sole candidate because it has had to request further information on details of the bid. Amec pulled out because the

price of its proposed project work would have been too

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New look for nuclear industry will cost jobs

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE nuclear industry is to shed up to 2,000 jobs over the next three years following the privatisation of British Energy earlier this summer.

The number of job losses, caused by British Energy's streamlining and the state-owned reactors implementing a planned restructuring, will be unveiled next month after talks with the five

main unions involved. Union leaders, who are to resist compulsory redundancies, will campaign fiercely on safety issues amid speculation that the figures for safe nuclear power station maintenance are about to be reduced significantly. They

fear staffing levels could fall to about 375 per nuclear reactor, compared with the present level of between 450 and 600, depending on the size of the

British Energy yesterday said it would make a full announcement in mid-October. A spokesman said: "We are reviewing the business plans and will set out the details shortly."

Mike Jeram, head of energy at Unison, Britain's biggest union, said: We are bracing ourselves for a big number of job losses. But we will be putting our case strongly. We are worried about corners being cut and people being available for station callout when large numbers of job cuts are

BA targets pilots in cost-cutting drive

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE 6,000 pilots of British Airways who recently came close to strike action have been made a key target for the airline's extensive cost-cutting cam-paign aimed at producing £1 billion in savings within the next three years.

Managers were told yesterday where the savings, including the loss of 5.000 jobs over the next 18 months, would be made, and pilots were singled out. The flight crew department is targeting a significant improvement in overall costs," the managers were told.

BA also said it would double the

which smaller airlines fly under its colours. Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, said talks were at an advanced stage with several companies in Brit-ain and Europe. He added that the "second transformation" of the airline was designed to create "a new BA for

the new millennium". The job losses will, it is hoped, be mainly voluntary and are less than the unions had at first feared. By the year 2000 the workforce will be about 49,000 - the same as at present, but the skills will be different.

Mr Ayling said: "Some jobs will go, some will be outsourced and some will be relocated, but measures will be put in place to ensure that we treat our INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE GAS regulator will increase demands for

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budget

Fr283.7 billion next year from

Fr288 billion forecast for this

year. This is a far cry from the

Fr40 billion reduction being mooted in the spring.
To reach the Maastricht

target, the Government has

resorted to some imaginative

number-juggling. The most notorious example is a one-off

cash transfer of Fr37.5 billion

from France Telecom in ex-

change for the Government taking on the company's future pension liabilities. The

quip doing the rounds in Paris financial circles yearer lay was: "Euro 97, officially spon-

David Harrington, a senior

analyst at James Capel, said:

They want to show the world

that they still have the political

will to achieve the criteria for

Maastricht, by hook or by

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transparent about it. You

could say they are obeying the letter, if not the spirit of the

Even if the neck economy

hits its forecast in a 3 per cent

growth, some econo...sts say

that further creative account-

ing may be necessary to reach

the 3 per cent target figure.

And if the economy is further slowed by a repeat of last

year's industrial action, the

Government will have still

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less room for manocuvre.

sored by France Telecom.



British Gas's profits to be cut if the company resists existing proposals and forces an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.
Olgas said yesterday that if the dispute between it and British Gas over pricing controls

for TransCo, British Gas's pipeline division, goes to the MMC. Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, would seek a tougher asset valuation than she now proposes. The valuation is crucial for TransCo profits because it governs the rate of France

THE French Government yesterday unveiled a 1997 budget designed to ensure qualificacurrency, but its efforts were immediately attacked by economists who criticised the "creative accounting" involved and a disappointingly small

> leaked, contains a package of tax reductions and spending cuts. The Government insists that this will boost consumer spending and revive the ailing economy, while cutting the overall deficit to 3 per cent of GDP, the limit prescribed by the Maastricht treaty. Jean Arthuis, the Finance Minister, said that France

drop in the projected central government budget deficit.

The budget, already widely

aimed to cut its deficit to less than 2 per cent by the year 2001. "Economic history will say it was in 1997 that France turned its back on the ballooning of public spending and began the long-awaited reduc-tion in taxation." he said. The budget includes cuts in spending on job creation and

pruning of some 6,000 civil service jobs, amounting to savings of Fr60 billion or £7.9 But, after taking into acpromised tax cuts mounting to Fr25 billion, the

housing subsidies and the

Government said that the central budget deficit would be only fractionally reduced to

return that is allowed. The company could end up losing £850 million from its revenues. At present it faces a reduction of £650 million. The revenue cuts are expected to result in cuts in domestic gas bills of about £28 a year at present.

Ofgas's final proposals on TransCo's pricing were a big climbdown from Ms Spottiswoode's original stance and included a compromise on valuation of the business. Originally, she had said that this would be between £9 billion and £11 billion, but she then offered a valuation of £11.7 billion. British Gas believes that the business is worth more than £14 billion.

An Ofgas spokesman said: "If the issue goes to

billion. It will be a different ball game."

British Gas risks new attack in profit fight

The valuation had been rewritten to avoid an MMC investigation and to satisfy a clause in a past MMC report on British Gas that regulation cannot be retrospective. This clause was interpreted by the regulator in her final proposals as meaning that an existing formula for calculating asset valuation had to be applied. However, if a new MMC inquiry is triggered, those considerations will be dropped.

The tougher call from the regulator will be backed by gas shippers - independent gas companies that pay to use TransCo's pipes. They

the MMC, Clare will push for a valuation of £9 say the Ofgas review was too lenient and are expected to be vociferous in an MMC inquiry. British Gas said that it would consider the harsher threat from Ofgas as it reached its decision on the pricing proposals. A spokesman said: "This is a very significant decision for British Gas and we are not going to rush into it without making sure that we understand fully all its implications, have gone through the necessary processes, and exhausted all avenues

of dialogue with Ofgas." The company has until October 7 to respond. Referral to the MMC will be automatic if it refuses to accept the curbs.

Bryant

By Kerni Rodgeis

it had overpaid.

Bryant, which also unveiled borrowings.

Bryant's pre-tax profits for the year to May 31 fell from £45.8 million to £24.6 million on turnover down 7.2 per cent to £453.6 million. Earnings per share fell from 11p to 5.9p. The dividend, payable on November 22, is maintained

continue to expand into over-

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THE buoyancy of housebuilding market was shown yesterday when Bryant Group bought Admiral Homes, its privately owned rival, for E62.2 million. City analysts questioned whether

a slump in annual pre-tax profits after a 16.5 per cent fall in home completions, gains 1,750 plots and a further 500 acres of land under options from the deal, It is paying £4.2 million in cash and assumes Admiral's £58 million net

Andrew MacKenzie, Bryant's chief executive, said it plans to cut overheads, including staff, and to exploit the group's larger purchasing power in a bld to improve Admiral's margins.

at 5.05p per share. Mr MacKenzie said that per cent of shareholders funds at the year end, would be about 40 per cent at the half year after the acquisition, falling to 35 per cent at the year end.

☐ Tilbury Douglas reported pre-tax profits up 14 per cent for the six months to June 30 on turnover 8 per cent higher at £232 million. Earnings per share climbed 14 per cent to 16.5p. and the dividend, payable on November 8, was unchanged at ?p per share. The company said it will

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Job losses to follow **SBC** restructuring

SWISS BANK CORPORATION (SBC) is restructuring its domestic Swiss banking operations with the loss of 1.700 jobs, it was announced in Basel yesterday. The move will trigger a one-off exceptional loss of SFr1.9 billion (£1 billion) this

The restructuring will not affect operations in the UK, which include SBC Warburg, the investment banking division, which shed up to 1,000 jobs worldwide immediately after the merger of SBC and SG Warburg in July 1995. In Switzerland, 15 offices are to be reorganised into a structure built around three regional centres. About 80 out of 325 branches will be closed or integrated with other units over the next three years. Most of the 1,700 jobs will be lost through

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Bowthorpe ahead

BOWTHORPE, the international electronics and electrical group, boosted profits 7 per cent in the first six months under Nicholas Brookes, the new chief executive. First-half pre-tax profits rose to £42.5 million from £39.6 million in the half year to June 30. The dividend of 3.21p, payable on 9 December, compared with 3p. Profits met analysts' expectations, but were weighed down by restructuring costs of £21 million.

Loss for Hunting

HUNTING, the defence, aviation and oil group, incurred a £14.2 million pre-tax loss as it made provisions to cover problems in its aviation business. Provisions of £30 million were made to cover design problems in the Dash-8 contract for supplying interiors to de Havilland Canada. A further £10 million provision was made against the investment in the development of the J-41 turboprop aircraft. No interim dividend will be paid.

Wise Speke soars

WISE SPEKE, the Newcastle stockbroker owned by Ockham, the insurance broker, may itself be coming to the market itself via a listing on the main exchange. In the six months to June 30, Ockham's pre-tax profits were more than three times higher than last time, at £10.9 million (£2.9) million). Sales were £36.6 million (£13.2 million), leaving earnings of 12p (3.9p) per share. A maintained interim dividend of lp will be paid on November 12.

Britt Allcroft venture

BRITT ALLCROFT, the soon-to-float company that turned Thomas the Tank Engine into a television programme, is linking with VCI, the video group chaired by Michael Grade, to develop new characters for children's entertainment. The 50-50 joint venture, called Moonbeam, will have funding of up to £1.5 million and aim initially to develop programmes for video distribution. VCI already works with Britt Allcroft through its range of Thomas the Tank Engine videos.

British Biotech setback

BRITISH BIOTECH, the largest player in the biotechnology sector, said that Glaxo Wellcome had ended its development sponsorship of a potential anti-asthma treatment in the wake of disappointing clinical trials. But British Biotech said that Glaxo's decision not to license the oral form of Lexipalant would not affect development work on other versions of the drug. The company said its E8 million loss in the quarter to July 31 (£7 million loss) was because of increased spending on clinical trials.

Airtech wins US order

AIRTECH, which is to float on the AIM market next week. said yesterday it has won a \$3 million order to supply Nokia with masthead amplifiers for the American mobile-phone market. The contract will allow the company to proceed with building a small factory in Dallas, Texas. Airtech's initial public offering is expected to raise about £10 million, valuing the company at about £30 million. Management will own about 60 per cent after the offering.

Dagenham reverses

DAGENHAM MOTORS, the car dealer, yesterday said that year-end profits will be hit by a drop in incentive payouts from Ford, its sole supplier. It said that a stricter bonus policy had seen profits in August fall behind last year's, although sales were 3 per cent up. The shares fell 15p. to 122 p. yesterday. In the half year to June 30, pre-tax profits dropped to £2.35 million (£2.51 million) on sales 10 per cent up, at £147 million. A frozen dividend of 2.2p will be paid on November 15.

Postern rescue fund

POSTERN, the company rescue specialist, is launching a £15 million fund to invest in troubled companies that have turned to it for help. Trevor Swete, who heads Postern, said that it would be able to give troubled companies a breathing space to renegoriate bank loans and supplier agreements. He said that the fund would invest only when Postern executives were working on a rescue of a company and that this would cut down the risks of losing the investment.

Cordiant buys stake

CORDIANT is paying Fr171 million to purchase the 47 per cent of the French arm of Saatchi & Saatchi it does not already own. The minority stake is currently owned by the French agency's present and former employees. Saatchi & Saatchi France is one of Cordiant's largest businesses outside the UK and Cordiant has been in talks for some time to buy

Bass alcopop to reach 300,000 sales this year

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

BASS, the brewing and leisure company, revealed that sales of Hooper's Hooch, its leading alcopop brand, would hit 300,000 barrels this year.

Sales of the controversial alcoholic soft-drinks have boomed since they were first launched in this country two years ago, with the total market estimated to be worth about £250 million this year.

The fad for alcopops has also begun to hit other drinks businesses, forcing Matthew Clark, the drinks company, to admit last week that it had lost up to 60 per cent of sales on its premium packaged cider brands such as Diamond

Bass said that Hooper's Hooch, which is the country's largest selling alcopop brand. had helped to push up profits in its brewing division. Beer volumes also increased about 2 per cent although the company said that competitive pressures were continuing to hurt margins.

The company added that its tavern estate and hotels divisions had continued to perform strongly. But profits in the leisure division remained below last year, with Gala, the bingo subsidiary, continuing to suffer because of the impact of the National Lottery. Profits also declined in the Britvic soft drinks business. Sir Ian Prosser, chairman.

said that overall progress was in line with market expecta-

Bass provided no further details of the £200 million Carisberg-Tetley purchase, although the company said it hoped for a speedy resolution of discussions with the regulatory authorities

Bass shares fell 1.5p to close at 792p. Matthew Clark shares were unchanged at 3634 p.

Britannic steady at half time

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE. the life insurer, yesterday reported half-time results for the first time, showing operating profits marginally lower at £25.8 million (£25.9 million).

taken advantage of an exempnot to report interims, since on estimates.

was held back by a £200,000 loss by its general insurance arm, after a £1.2 million profit last year. Britannic decided to pull out of motor insurance earlier this year, although it has arranged for Avon Insurance to offer its customers

tory authority.

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Britannic has previously

tion that allows life insurers profit figures must be based The Birmingham insurer

because of a European Union directive have to include highly changeable investment - fell 12 per cent from £30.9 million to £27.2 million The interim dividend rises by 8.7 per cent to 5p a share. payable on October 24.

New partner sought after UTV pulls the plug on TV3

Pre-tax profits - which

announcement during his re-port on UTV's first-half perfor-

Last September UTV agreed

Andrew MacKenzie hopes to cut overheads and to increase Admiral's margins

THE consortium behind the Republic of Ireland's first independent television channel. which is due to go on air by the end of 1997, is searching for a new broadcast partner after the shock withdrawal of Ul-

John McGuckian, UTV's chairman, yesterday said the company had pulled out of the Tv3 project because of disagreements with the IRTC, the

to put up £6 million for a 40 per cent stake in TV3, which will attempt to break the monopoly of RTE, the state broadcasting authority in the Republic, A further one third of the shareholding was exinstitutional investors, with the rest held by individuals

cted to be made available to such as Paul McGuinness, the manager of rock band U2. Mr McGuckian made the

profits rise 27 per cent to £4.67 million. largely because of income from its investment portfolio. He gave warning that the short-term market remains slow, but said improving economic conditions should lead to a better 1997. Earnings per share increased to 5.95p (4.67p) and the

mance, which saw pre-tax

company declared an increased interim dividend of 2.25p. payable on October 22.

Virgin on new BR shortlist

By JONATHAN PRYNN

RICHARD BRANSON'S Virgin Group has been short-listed for the sale of CrossCountry Trains, British Rail's "non-London" InterCity rail network, and one of the most attractive remaining BR owned franchises. The comwill be competing

against Prism Rail, the stock market quoted private train operator, and Great Western Holdings, the management buyout team that won the Great franchise.

Western InterCity CrossCountry operates mainly long-distance services throughout Britain and is

BR's only franchise with destinations nationwide. It runs the UK's longest scheduled daily passenger service, the 704-mile Dundee to Penzance Cornishman.

Mr Branson's company has so far missed out on every franchise it has hid for, most recently Thames Trains.

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Costain first-half loss rises to £19m BY OLIVER AUGUST

COSTAIN, the troubled construction company, has incurred a half-year loss almost double that of last year.

In the six months to June 30, the loss rose to £19.2 million from £10.4 million. The loss per share increased to 38.2p from 21.6p and shareholders again will not receive a dividend.

will achieve a turnround in the second half on the strength of an order book said to be up 15 per cent to £636 million. Sir Christopher Benson, chairman, said: "We remain

convinced further benefits

will stem from having major

shareholders in South-East Asia and the Middle East -

The company believes it Benson: awaits benefits

two key overseas markets." Costain restructured after

its shares were suspended in May. A Malaysian investor. Intria, took a 40 per cent stake after a rights issue.

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Going for broke with Beckman

☐ EQUITY analysts, like freemasons, are secretive creatures who prefer to conduct their strange rituals well out of the public eye, which is why PDFM, the old Phillips & Drew and now part of UBS, has been so embarrassed by the fuss over its attempt to anticipate a stock market crash by putting 15 per cent of all funds under manage-

The symptoms suggest that PDFM has an advanced case of Beckmanitis, a morbid compulsion to anticipate disaster by forecasting it early and often named after a financial pundit called Bob Beckman, whose trick it was to earn large amounts of money for himself by always

Mr Beckman advised homeowners in 1970 that their houses were about to halve in value. In 1983 he was warning of global economic meltdown, banks fail-ing all over the place, property values collapsing. The next four years saw the FT-SE 100 virtually trebling right up to the 1987 market crash. It would be another two years before the property market heeded his advice and went into reverse.

The point is that Mr Beckman, like most prophets of doom, was undismayed by the refusal of the Apocalypse to arrive to his deadlines. Like the weather fore-caster predicting rain, he had to

dured beforehand. Mr Beckman was last heard of ranting about a Zionist conspiracy that con-trolled international banking and commerce. PDFM bases its views on a

value investment philosophy based on what shares should intrinsically be worth. Anatole Kaletsky, in these pages earlier this week, has already shown that any market analysis may be wrong if it fails to take a long enough view of economic trends. The current bull run for world stock markets must end one day, and the umbrellas come out again. PDFM, by looking for that correction at least 18 months early, has merely jumped off the bus an unquantified number of stops short of the destination. The cost, in terms of profits that would have been made had the fund manager had stayed on board until now, has been put at

Clients are understandably unhappy and some are threatening to take their business elsewhere unless the 15 per cent cash weighting is moved towards the

be right eventually however current industry average of much drought the c000025 ennearer 6 per cent. This puts the manager in the ludicrous position of having to reverse a policy to which it is still committed; the damage is done, and a reversal now, if those fears of a market

collapse are right, would only make things worse.

So PDFM, in a rare public statement of investment policy, yesterday defended itself with reference to other occasions where it has been right and the market wrong long-term, even if its short-term performance suffered by comparison. Events will prove this one way or another. So far PDFM has been in the unfortunate position of adopting, on entirely rational grounds, a stance that most of its peers reject so proving, yet again, that you cannot buck the markets.

Consumption is good for you

THE trouble with knocking off for August is that Ken and Eddie have to face each other for two monetary meetings in September. We know what hapPENNINGTON.



pened the first time: nothing. Judging from newly published minutes of the duo's late-July encounter, the Governor probably continued to argue for a rate rise while the Chancellor stoutly resisted, on the ground that there was no visible sign of inflation.

The exact tone of the September 4 script is nonetheless of some interest since the Large and Large show will be replaying bang in the middle of the Tories' short Bournemouth season. By then, the meeting scheduled for Monday will have come and gone. If the bookies are right, nothing will happen after that

The arguments are, however, developing. In July, the Gov-ernor argued that consumer spending was picking up too fast for comfort. Not at all, southes the Chancellor, there is no accelerating trend here. It is just that consumers are at last starting to spend after a start far too slow for the Treasury's forecasts. Yesterday, the Bank's guns

received a new delivery of ammunition. The volume of retail sales in the three months to August was 1.6 per cent higher than in the previous three. That is an annual growth rate of 6.6 per cent, the fastest since the heyday of the late 1980s boom.

About time too, the Chancellor may think. But these figures will certainly be fired at his Treasury team on Monday. The foreign exchanges seem to think the battery will eventually break their resistance. Sterling jumped a few more notches of its uptrend of the past seven weeks. Already, the discussion has shifted away from a further rate cut, Apart from overheated mar-

kets, the timing of minor changes in base rate scarcely matters, especially ahead of more vital US rate decisions. But it is a grip-ping sport to watch a polinician trying to square pragmatism

with virtue ahead of an election. Thankfully, that should come soon enough to limit any damage from the conflict.

UK could beef up the euro debate

THERE are currently two prerequisites for keeping monetary union on track for 1999. The first is that the key players must give the impression they will fulfil Maastricht's convergence criteria. To all intents and purterday, when France delivered its budget for next year and duly said that the deficit would come down to the magic 3 per cent limit in 1997, the test year for entry into a single currency.

Nobody in the financial markets really believes that the budget arithmetic is credible. But that hardly matters as long as the markets think France is determined to sign up for the euro, backed by Germany. So despite scepticism about the budget, the markets vesterday mounted nothing more than a token attack on the franc. The

negotiating focus is now moving away from deficits and towards finding agreement on the rules of the game after 1999. It now seems that consensus is near on Germany's idea of a stability pact, a system of sanctions on those who run excessive deficits after monetary union.

Perhaps finance ministers will even agree a proposal at their meeting in Dublin this weekend. It will then be worth watching how the British position evolves, given that a stability pact ends national control over fiscal policy. If Britain is still fighting with Europe over beef, voting against such a pact would be an irritat-ing bargaining tool at this coun-try's disposal.

Peter out

AS LATE as last Friday, Morgan Grenfell was insisting that Peter Young, the man increasingly being painted as this year's Nick Leeson even down to a photogenically supportive wife, would not be dismissed immediately. He was far too useful in helping them with their inquiries. Now Mr Young has been given the push, and the suspicion must be that he is no longer proving quite so helpful. As any policeman knows, this tends to happen once the lawyers arrive to clutter up the interrogation room.



Tom Farmer, chairman and chief executive of Kwik-Fit, which has lifted its profits by 19 per cent to £21.5 million

Kwik-Fit ahead in market slowdown

By Sarah Cunningham

A SLOWDOWN in the market for tyres and exhausts has failed to hold back the growth of Kwik-Fit Holdment specialist.

The company yesterday an-nounced interim pre-tax profits up by 19 per cent, to £21.5 million, in the six months to August 31, on the back of turnover up by 21 per cent, to £220 million.

Tom Farmer, the chairman, referring to the second half of the year, said: "We will aggressively promote our prodocts and services and concentrate on realising the benefits of the significant investments already made." The company's promotions

are famous for their slogan, You can't fit quicker than a Profits from Kwik-Fif's properties gave an exception-al profit of £7.1 million, however, so the net exceptional gain was £2 million. Kwik-Fit now operates from 846 specialist centres. It has added 54 in the first half.

company said that its sales in

August have "shown an up-

lift". Kwik-Fit Insurance Ser-

vices made a loss of £900,000

in the first half, but showed a

net profit last month, the

company said. The results include a write-off of £5.1

million to cover development

costs of the insurance services

arm. A profit of £7.1 million

on the sale and leaseback of

Tyre sales grew by 30 per cent Earnings per share rose by 16 per cent, to 8.52p. The interim dividend rises by II per cent, to 21p, payable on

UniChem and Gehe in spat

UNICHEM and the German company Gehe, rival bidders for Lloyds Chemists, yesterday clashed over what UniChem told the Monopolies and Mergers Commission about the health of pharmaceutical wholesaling. Gehe said that UniChem's

ipbeat comments accompanying interim results were at odds with its statement to the MMC that "prospects for growth in sales and profits in ... phar-maceutical wholesaling seemed limited". Yesterday. UniChem said its wholesaling business was "well positioned to expand ... in a market that continues to exhibit long-term growth characteristics".

Gehe said that UniChem eemed to be willing to tailor its views to the circumstances. After accusing Gehe of mud-slinging", Jeff Harris, UniChem's chief executive,

said: "You would expect us to put the best light on things." UniChem's pre-tax profits for the first half of the year rose by 11.6 per cent, to £24.2 million, held back by the £877,000 cost of funding its 9.9 per cent stake in Lloyds.

UniChem announced that UniDrug, its joint venture with United Drug, has won a contract to distribute the £220 million of drugs produced by the UK arm of Bristol-Myers Squibb. Mr Harris said that UniChem believes that other leading drug companies muy contract out deliveries to

The wholesale arm lifted its profits by 13 per cent, to £19.4 million, aided by recovery from warehouse problems.

An interim dividend of 3p (2.7p) is due on December 31.

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Next lifts payout 33% as sales prove buoyant

BUOYANT high street and mail order sales have helped Next, the fashion retailer, to achieve sharply higher firsthalf profits and to lift its interim dividend 33 per cent.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to July 31 were 27 per cent higher, at £56 million, at the top of market expectations. The interim dividend rises by 1.25p, to 5p, payable on Janu-

Shares in Next, which re-cently rejoined the FT-SE 100, fell back 4 per cent, to 57312 p. however, on profit taking and disappointment that sales growth had slowed at the beginning of the second half. In the first half. Next stores' sales rose by 23 per cent on

selling space that was 5 per cent up on the previous year. In contrast to most of the rest of the mail order sector. Next Directory boosted sales by 23 per cent. It added 112,000 customers to make 620,000. Total sales rose to £406.4 million,

from £333.3 million. In the five weeks from August 12, following the summer sale, store sales were a relatively modest 14 per cent up on the previous year. Likefor-like sales were nearer 10

The company said that low stock levels at the end of the busier than expected first half were mainly responsible for the slower sales of recent weeks. Mail order sales were

20 per cent higher in the same five week period.

David Jones, chief executive, said that Next was relaxed about its £143 million cash pile, which it will use to fund dividend payouts. He said the company had no plans for share buybacks. special dividends or major acquisitions. The company looked at acquisition opportunities as they come along, he said, but had seen "nothing

that is a serious challenge". Mr Jones dismissed speculation that the appointment of Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, Next's chairman, as chairman of GUS, might lead to a link-up between the two companies. Next has faced a setback in

France, where its one store, in Paris, has seen disappointing sales. Mr Jones said: "We will run it until Christmas. It is important to give it a second season." Next's four stores in the US are not profitable, but Mr Jones hopes that new management will turn the operation around.

Expansion abroad is now being concentrated on franchises in the Middle East and the Far East and Japan, with plans to open a further ten this year, taking the total to 30. In the UK, the company plans to add up to 6 per cent space this year, mainly by extending existing stores.

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Copper prices hit Wassall

By FRASER NELSON

SHARES of Wassall, the industrial group, rose from 20212p to a near high of 30812p vesterday after it lifted its interim dividend 35 per cent to

Profits at General Cable, the cable manufacturer it bought in 1904, rose 54 per cent to £17.9 million at the operating level - 60 per cent of the

group total. However, profits were flat at its bonde tops division, which was hir as the UK drinks industry used its stockpile of tops over the period.

The company's other divisions, which span suitcases to trailer axles, also returned flat

performances. Overail, pre-tax profits were heavily affected by sharp flucmations in copper prices. These took interim pre-tax profits down to £22.4 million from £24.4 million, a smaller



Rod Ackrill, chairman of Symonds, yesterday

Symonds acquisition

By Fraser Nelson

SYMONDS, the computer components manufacturer, yesterday announced an agreed £4.6 million takeover offer for Osborne Group. which makes computer circuit buards. It is its fifth acquisition in two years.

performance. The acquisition will equip Symonds with an electronic assembly plant, allowing the enlarged group to provide a complete circuit board manufacturing service. In the year to June 30, Osborne turned in pre-tax | be paid on October 24. rises

MIN hurt by cost of failed bid

By ERIC REGULY

THE cost of a failed acquisition attempt and the closure of two loss-making titles cut the interim earnings of Midland Independent Newspapers, one of the largest regional newspaper

Midland's abortive bid for Emap's regional titles accounted for £1.4 million while the cost of closing two free weekly newspapers in Leicester and Nottingham was £2.7 million. Newsprint prices, meanwhile, rose 35 per cent to £2.3 million.

Pre-tax profits, as a result, slumped to £3.7 million (£9.4 million), or 1.17p a share (4.58p) in the half year to June 30. Operating profits fell marginally from £10.7 million to £10.3 million on turnover that rose 12

per cent to ES6.4 million. Chris Oaldey, chief executive, said the company would continue to look for acquisitions. The interim dividend, to



London and New York dip on new rate fears

WORRIES that interest rates may be on the way up un-nerved share prices and bonds on both sides of the Atlantic.

The latest surge in consumer spending and a call by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, at the last monetary meeting for a rise in interest rates left investors looking distinctly gloomy. This, combined with Tuesday's worse than expected government borrowing numbers, may pitch the need for a rise in interest rates to the ton of the agenda at next week's meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancelior, and the Governor. Pressure for a rise in US interest rates is also growing and was responsible for an early fall of almost 25 points in the Dow Jones average last night.

Share prices in London drifted throughout the morning before closing above their worst. The FT-SE 100 index finished 16.6 points down at 3.955.7 In thin turnover with 622 million shares traded.

RTZ dropped 1412p to 936p as SBC Warburg, the broker, cut its pre-tax profits forecast for the current year by £12 million to £935 million. P&O recovered with a rise of 112p at 595p helped by some positive comments from Kleinwort Benson, the broker.

AIM-listed Tradepoint, a rival to the London Stock Exchange, rose 5p to 105p as it prepared to celebrate its first birthday. It accounted for 8 per cent of the 8.24 million shares traded in Grand Metropolitan, 12p firmer at 485p. which means it was offering a more competitive price than the main market for much of

the day.
National Power rose 3p to 39612p after a trading update to brokers. PowerGen was also 8p better at 506p and there was support for London Electricity, up ?12p at 61812p, and Yorkshire. 5p better at 72712p.

There were few surprises for shareholders at the Bass annual meeting and this was reflected in the price, which ended 1'ap lighter at 792p. Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, told them that one of the best performers for the group had been its branded drinks division which included Hooch. the alcoholic lemonade.

Worries about a possible slowdown in consumer spend-ing brought out the profittakers, leaving the New share price 2612p lower at 57312p by



Kevin Doyle, left, and Chris Miller of Wassall, up 160

the close. Interim pre-tax profits from the group of £56 million were at the top end of expectations, with brokers like Nick Bubb at BZW upping his forecast for the full year by £3 million to £157 million.

A strong first-half performance and encouraging noises about second-half prospects failed to lift Kwik-Fit Holdings, the tyre and ex-

appeared to go well, but some of those present took the view the shares had run far enough for the time being. The meet-ing coincided with half-year pre-tax profits more than doubled at £10.5 million.

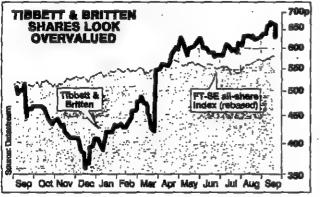
First-quarter figures from British Biotech, this year's high-flyer, proved meaningless with the group, in fact, recording a loss of £8 million.

Thorn stood out with a rise of 912p to 37312p, helped by NatWest Securities, the broker, which has been telling clients that recent selling of the shares has been overdone. Since the company was demerged from EMI last month the price has fallen 30p. Almost five million shares were traded.

haust fitter, which ended 4p cheaper at 244p. Pre-tax profits came in at the top end of expectations with the group expecting to reap the benefit of increased investment during the second half.

Tibbett & Britten, the logistics group, ended its recent strong run as the profit-takers moved in ending the session 31p lower at 63212p. Yester-day's meeting with brokers

It also confirmed recent speculation that its partner Glazo Wellcome had pulled out of the testing of lexipalant, the oral asthma treatment. In November the group will update brokers about the progress of Marimastat, its cancer treatment, currently undergoing Phase 3 trials. The shares firmed 2p to 20312p, while Glaxo Wellcome shed 9p at 94712p.



Scars, which reported lower profits on Tuesday, finished 212p cheaper at 9412p, while Laura Ashley, with figures out next week, firmed ip to 215p. Costain was unmoved at

59p with confirmation of almost doubled first-half losses offset by encouraging remarks about second-half trading. The group expected sales and profits to grow and interest charges and losses in the Middle East to decline.

Bryant Group rose 612p to 133p after hitting the acquisition trail with the purchase of Admiral Homes for the equivalent of £62.2 million. Wassall, whose chief execu-

tive is Chris Miller, was rewarded with a rise of 16p to 30812p after a 24 per cent increase in interim profits, before exceptionals, and some positive comments about trading for the rest of the year. Brokers were also impressed with the 35 per cent rise in the half-year payout.

Hunting rose 1212p to 15312p with losses of £18.4 million no worse than expected. Tracker Network marked time at 53Sp on the back of sharply reduced losses. Britannic Assurance was unchanged at 704p after a profits decline. Profit setbacks failed to rattle Midland Independent Newspapers, 12p firmer at 130p. but left Dagenham Motors 14p lower at 12312p.

UniChem rose 3p to 25912p with the assistance of a useful 12 per cent increase in firsthalf profits. Lloyds Chemists added 5p at 50312p.

Roxboro Group rallied 10p to 2421 ap after Tuesday's 80p fall prompted by talk of a fall off in demand. But Treatt, the ice cream maker, fell a further 9p to 249p, shaken by this week's comments that it is unlikely to make a profit in the second half. GILT-EDGED: Prices re-

treated across the board as worries about a possible rise in interest rates resurfaced. In the futures pit; the De-cember series of the long gilt rose £1332 to £107716 as the total number of contracts com-

pleted reached 66,000.

in longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £3, to £99, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was eleven ticks off at £1031332. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were mixed after the release of the US July trade figures. By midday the Dow

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Fashionable as ever

news for companies. The fact that yesterday's strong Next results coincided with news of a l per cent rise in UK retail sales last month made some shareholders nervous. They saw hopes of a cut in interest rates fade, and an end to booming consumer sales loom. From there, the decision to sell Next shares was but a short step away.

But it would be a mistake to underestimate the strengths of the modern Next. Its first-half retail sales were up 23 per cent from selling space which increased just 5 per cent, giving an impressive 17 per cent rise in sales per square foot at £263.

The company says it is not worried that the growth in sales in the five weeks from August 12 slowed to 14 per cent - equivalent to around 10 per cent, like for like - and, indeed,

TOO MUCH good news is sometimes bad it is too early to worry about a setback. Few companies have been through the trauma suffered by Next in the late Eighties, and David Jones, as chief executive, and Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, as chairman, have since proven themselves to be exceptionally light on their feet when it comes to adapting

the company to changing cirumstances.

Their biggest challenge will be keeping customers—particularly for ladieswear—who may be tempted away by the revived Burtons brands. But, particularly with Next Directory's potential for growth, there is no sign that the company will allow itself to fall behind. Even after yesterday's drop in share price, a forecast of a £155 million pre-tax profit means Next is on a prospective earnings multiple of 20 times. Not a bargain, but still one of the most attractive high street investments.

Hunting

THE last two months have knocked a large amount of the stuffing out of Hunting as it suffered from the combined effects of a huge internai blunder and what some saw as political deal-making in the defence industry.

The first problem with its Dash-8 interiors contract. which led to a £30 million provision in yesterday's interim results, was enough to push the shares down 19 per cent when the company is-sued a warning in July. Days later, amid complaints of heavy lobbying from defence industry giants, Hunting discovered it had missed out on two major MoD bids.

Yesterday's results, therefore, came as something of relief, with the £14.2 million pre-tax loss lower than some City expectations and analysts applauding the decision

to suspend the dividend. The provisions for the Dash-8 fiasco look to be generous. and the threat of a large black hole appearing in the defence business appears to have been averted with an improved order book.

The oil business was also above expectations. Clearly, the company has moved fast

to tackle the management

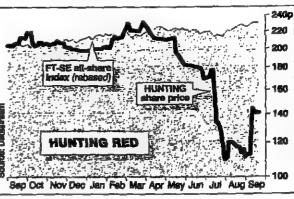
overall group's management processes and controls. A line appears to have been drawn under the problems. and while the shares are

issues, shaking up the avia-tion divisional team and

bringing in Ernst and Young

to conduct a review of the

unlikely to be spectacularly exciting, they may be moving



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MIDLAND Independent Newspapers has its back to the wall. The company, whose titles include the Birmingham Evening Mail and the Coventry Telegraph, issued a profit warning in June and made

good on it yesterday.

The company, which has seen margins slip because of the difficulty in absorbing rising newsprint costs and a costly failed bid for Emap's regional titles, has been making apologies for a share price well below its 1994 issue price of 140p.

The worst may be over two loss-making weeklies have been closed and newsprint prices have ceased to but no one, including Midland's normally buoyant executives, expects a quick turnround.

Midland may try to tough it out, gambling that rising consumer confidence and advertising revenues will even-tually restore its fortunes or it could be bold, either making a big acquisition or seeking a buyer. An acquisition, and there

are plenty of opportunities around, could improve economies of scale while reducing the company's exposure to a single region. The danger is the risk of overpaying. Regional newspapers, as acqui-sition-hungry Newsquest has shown, are still hot commodities in spite of their slow but

sure readership loss. Midland may be running out of time. Unless the share price improves, management will come under increasing pressure to put the group on the auction block, and doing so may not be a bad thing.

UniChem

IN THE game of poker between the two companies bidding for Lloyds Chemists, it was Gehe who blinked first. UniChem has taken a more sanguine view of Lloyds' de-teriorating profits and the enforced sale of several of its

depots. If obstacles imposed by the MMC are overcome during the next few weeks, Gehe may be unwilling to repeat its £650 million offer.

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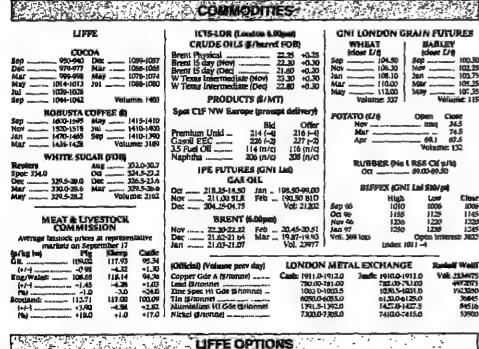
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But the German company is offering cash while UniChem will have to persuade Lloyds' shareholders to accept its paper. So they may be concerned to learn that UniChem has underperformed the FT all-share index by about 25 per cent since UniChem's last rights issue in October 1994.

UniChem's results yesterday were hit by the cost of carrying its 9.9 per cent stake. The cost of expanding Moss Chemists, the pharmacy chain, has also pushed interest costs higher. The contract to distribute to wholesalers drugs produced by Bristol-Myers Squibb looks more attractive than it perhaps is.

UniChem's shares moved 22 p higher to 259p. While the battle over Lloyds remains unresolved, investors should be wary of buying them.

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Another taste of PepsiCo

THE fizzy drinks war is still bubbling after Karl von der Heyden, a former non-executive director at Cadbury Schweppes, was yesterday appointed chief financial officer and vicechairman of PepsiCo. Mr von der Heyden, 60, who was with PepsiCo between 1974 and 1980, has signed a one-year contract with the beverage giant. More disappointing news for Cadbury Schweppes: it heard this week that the European Commission needs more time to complete its inquiry into the £620 million sale of Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages to Coca-Cola Enterprises.

DAVID JONES is mixing business with pleasure in launching a new range of golf clothing. The competitive chief executive of Next, who is taking lessons from his wife and son at home in Yorkshire, plays off a 21 handicap. The pinnacle of his golfing career was in Georgia when he took on Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman of Next, at Augusta, the exclusive venue of the US masters.

Smash hit

PAUL DIXON, chief executive of Dixon Motors, is celebrating the "smashing" success of his company's new flagship showroom that opened two months ago in Sheffield. Speaking at the official opening ceremony this week, he attributed the majority of the new custom to the temporary faulty traffic lights at the entrance of the two-and-ahalf-acre retail development and repair centre. They have been creating work on our very doorstep. To those unfortunate enough to have had a burno or a scratch or two at the lights, our apologies for the inconvenience, but thanks for your business."



Bubbling over

A WHIZ-KID from the LSE, Mick Jagger's alma mater, is this year's winner of the Rummikub City Competition, thrashing Rupert Lowenstein, manager of The Rolling Stones. Chris Cooper, 22, a student, beat John Davies, a partner at Roundhouse Financial Services, in the nail-biting final of the board game championship. Davies got his own back, however, when Cooper was awarded a £45 bottle of bubbly that he opened with all the skill of a hard-up student and lost the lot over the excited

Jellyfish win

REASSURING news for Gary "Jellyfish" Lineker who has been voted children's favourite financial role model, running away with 14 per cent of votes compared with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who was awarded a measly i per cent along with Madonna. Fifty per cent of parents feel awkward talking to their children about money, according to a survey from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds. When it comes to swallowing jargon, Scottish children leave their British counterparts standing; 80 per cent know what VAT stands for, compared with a national average of 46 per

ECONOMIC VIEW C



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Make no mistake, monetary union is at heart a done deal

Three major events ensure there can

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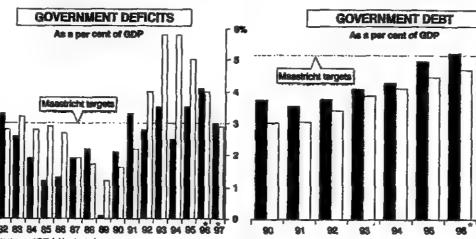
there will be a common currency

hen European finance ministers meet tomorrow morning in Dublin, two of them will wear a sickeningly smug smile. European monetary union is a done deal. There can no longer be any serious doubt that Germany and France, along with a few other countries, will create a common currency after 1999. Why do I make such a categorical assertion? There have been three great breakthroughs for European monetary federalism in the past three weeks.

Three weeks ago, the German par-liament passed a package of spending cuts designed to reduce the German Government deficit by 1997 to below the Maastricht target of 3 per cent of GDP. Last week France and Germany apparently agreed on the outlines of a "stability pact" to impose Teutonic fiscal discipline on members of EMU after 1999 (of which more below). And yesterday the French Government presented its 1997 budget. Not very surprisingly, this showed the French deficit also meeting the 3 per cent target. In fact, the French managed to give themselves a bit of symbolic leeway, their fiscal projections showed deficits falling steadily from 5.3 per cent last year to 4 per cent in 1996 and 2.9 per cent in 1997.

If the French and German Governments manage to stick to their budgets (which, contrary to market expecta-tions, they just may) there could not be the slightest doubt about EMU going ahead. Neither the German constitutional court nor the German public, nor Helmut Kohl himself could stop it, since their country would be bound by a solemn treaty obligation to abandon the mark. For Germany to refuse to abide by this obligation would have roughly the same effect on Franco-German relations as a formal declaration from Bonn that the Fatherland's true borders incorporate Alsace-Lorraine. In any case, under German law, the only grounds on which the constitutional court or the Bundestag could block EMU would be that the Maastricht convergence criteria had not been properly satisfied. Therefore, if France and Germany both hit the 3 per cent target, there would not even be a case for the judges to hear or for the deputies to debate.

But wait a minute. All these are hypothetical statements. They all rest on the premise that Germany and France will actually hit their fiscal targets - and almost nobody believes this, at least in the case of France. While most observers have been impressed by Herr Kohl's ability to push genuine cuts in public spending through the German parliament, the reaction to the French budget yester-day was a sceptical yawn. The French growth projections were generally viewed as over-optimistic. The cuts in government spending were smaller than expected. And worst of all. roughly half the reduction in next year's deficit was simply the result of an accounting trick. The Trésor had "agreed" with the government-appointed management of France Telecom to accept a one-off payment of Fr37.5 billion, equivalent to roughly 0.5 per cent GDP, in exchange for taking over some of the state-owned company's HOW FRANCE AND GERMANY ARE DOING ON THE MAASTRICHT TARGETS INFLATION LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES ERM MEMBERSHIP **GOVERNMENT DEBT GOVERNMENT DEFICITS** As a per cent of GDP As a per cent of GDP



pensions obligations. In the eyes of many market analysts this manifestly fraudulent device has discredited the

whole French budget.

But as happens so often, the market's instant reaction may be exactly wrong. By relying on accounting tricks rather than genuine policy changes, the French actually make it more likely that they will hit their budget targets. For one thing, accounting tricks cause no political pain (at least until the money has to be found to pay France Telecom's future pensioners). They are not going to be abandoned in response to street protests - as were many of the French gimmicks

have a bigger advantage. Once the principle of one-off transfers from the public sector to the state is granted, there is almost no limit to how much more the Trésor can extract from this pot of gold.

politicians The French state controls 54 per cent of GDP, including numerous vast and profitable enterprises in addition to France Telecom. If the economy fails to pick up, or tax revenues prove disappointing, what is there to stop the Government taking money from Electricite de France. Gaz de France. Framatome or any other nationalised company? The simple answer is that the rules laid down at Maastricht do not allow privatisation proceeds to be included in the definition of general government financial deficit. This bjection, however, is laughably naive. It ignores the ingenuity of the French enarques in devising ways round the rules, not to mention the fact that adjudicators who enforce these rules are the European Commission hardly a disinterested party.

But what about the constitutional

court in Germany and the central bankers on the European Monetary Institute? Let us suppose for a moment that the central bankers and judges did have the courage (or arrogance) to denounce the elected governments of Europe as liars — and not on a moral principle, but on a minor point of national income accounting. The politi-

cians would still have two trump cards First they would play the stability pact. The most cogent objection to the French accounting gimmicks is that they are one-off devices, which simply transfer money from one year to French Government's more serious another and would therefore leave efforts to cut public spending. But the government deficits in future years

In the end EMU

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higher than in 1997. But with a stability pact supposedly guaranteeing the maintenace of low deficits in the future. by economists but this objection would immediately fall. In this sense the stability pact and the oneaccounting

sides of the same coin. That is presumably why France has suddenly become much more amenable to the German demands for such a stability pact - knowing full well that the fines and other sanctions enshrined in such a pact are unlikely ever to prove enforceable in practice.

The second trump card would be even more powerful. It is the Maastricht treaty itself. The treaty states that each country's readiness for EMU must be judged by "the achievement of a high degree of sustainable convergence by reference to four criteria". Recently all attention has focused on just one of these criteria — "sustainability of government financial positions", as defined by the deficit and public debt targets. But the other three criteria - price stability, currency stability and convergence of long-term

interest rates - are given just as much weight in the treaty.

The treaty does not make clear whether the four criteria must be judged separately or together for each country. But imagine a situation in which one of the four criteria is missed by a hair's breadth — and a very debatable hair's breadth at that while the other three are met conclusively and without the slightest room for any dispute. Suppose, further, that the convergence achieved on the other criteria is many times closer than the treaty envisaged. That is, in fact, almost certain to happen. The inflation criterion requires the inflation rates of EMU members to be within 1.5 percentage points of each other; today the gap is less than 0.5 percentage points. The interest rate criterion requires bond yields to be within 2 percentage points. Today French and German bonds yields are less than 0.1 per cent apart. The exchange rate criterion requires membership of the ERM within the normal flucuation bands. Since 1993 the ERM bands have been 15 per cent wide, but the Bundesbank has never accepted these as the "normal" margins and now it looks like both France and Germany

are determined to keep their currencies within the old 2.25 per cent bands. On all these criteria, therefore, the Maastricht convergence programme could easily be judged a triumph. And furthermore, a glance at history for the charts above) show that recent fiscal deficits might easily be called "temporary and exceptional", as the treaty

As an economist I could argue endlessly against monetary union. But if I were a lawyer, I would not accept a case with the odds stacked against me like this. And in the end EMU will not be settled by economists but by lawyers

☐ From next week Economic View will

BUSINESS LETTERS

Challenge of competing for the green markets of the future

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Environmental Protection

Sir. I was delighted to read the Executive Voice commentary by Terry Thomas, managing director of the Co-operative Bank (Business News, September 14).

It is clear that the bank has adopted a creative green strategic approach to its business, which other banks and companies would do well to follow: The recent United Na-

tions Environment Programme (UNEP) report on engaging stakeholders emphasises the importance of involving both employees and customers in developing genuinely environmen-tally sustainable strategies for business.

The challenge for British business is to combine wealth with careful resource management, and to recognise that consumers do not want to live in an environment polluted by the production process, however profitable it may be.

Recently, Tony Blair opened the National Centre for Business and Ecology at the University of Salford, sponsored by the Co-

operative Bank and four Greater Manchester universities. This important new institution will help to support the creative partnerships of banks, businesses, local authorities and academic institutions that we need for the future. It will support the Agenda 21 decisions of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development And it will help to give added utility to the new Green Accounts issued for the first time last month by the Office of National Statistics.

Green business can be profitable. The global market for pollution abatement technology alone is expected to amount to £400 billion a year by the end of the decade. The future of the British economy will depend on our success in competing for the environmentally friendly markets of the future. It is not the least of the challenges that will face the incoming Labour government seeking to develop policies for a stakeholder

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MEACHER, House of Commons,

Interest overdue on late payments

From Mr John Good Sir. As a retired trade association executive I note that late payment is on the agenda again. I have lost count of the pronouncements on this subject by the CBI and its predecessor the

Now we are to have a standard, voluntary of

CIRLISE. When will the Government, which professes to value the contribution of small firms to the economy, and the trade organisations accept that exhortations, codes of practice and standards will not protect the weak seller from a strong

The persistence of the problem is surely the strongest argument for a statu-tory right to charge interest on overdue accounts. Yours faithfully, JOHN GOOD, 14 Garden Royal. Kersfield Road.

It Asda be more balanced

From Mr David Stone Sir, Your piece "Asda adds six stores" (Business News, September 12) reports that the result will be the creation of 2,700 new jobs next year.

I have some trouble with this apparently laudable outcome, in that assuming Asda's aims are: I to increase market share; 2 to increase productivity; 3 to increase profits. The inevitable conclusion must be, in the absence of significant increase in consumption, an overall loss of full-time jobs in the UK economy, ie, those jobs shed by their smaller/weaker competitors who, typically, source

from the UK. This may be a good or bad thing, I don't know, but I would welcome more balanced reporting of chairmen's statements and PR

Yours faithfully, 4 Priars Walk, Lakeside, Newent, Gloucestershire.

Matthew Clark's origins not so humble

From Mr Francis

Gordon Clark Sir, Enough of the "humble origins" (Pennington, September 13). Matthew Clark was founded in 1810 and became a public company in

From then until 1990 it produced steady growth for its shareholders without once asking them for cash.

Between 1975 and 1989 its profits increased tenfold and earnings per share rose from 5.6p to 44.4p (exactly the same figure given for 1996). It was distributor for, or owner of, more brand leaders than any other independent company in the wine and spirit sector and was respected for its skill in looking after

Journalists, analysts and investors who have been in the game for seven years or

more would agree that Matthew Clark was a wellregarded, well-managed company with loyal, long-term, satisfied institutional shareholders. Do you recall the fiasco of Warren Plantation's dawn raid?

Capitalised at about £50 million, it was not large, but, with names like Martell, De Kuyper. Taittinger, Gra-hams, Stones, Old England. Grand Marnier Chartreuse, Benedictine, Fundador and the Irish Distillers brands of humble it emphatically was

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS GORDON CLARK (Previous Chairman, Matthew Clark (Holdings) Plc). Manor Farm House, Lasham, Hampshire.

Letters to the Business and Finance section of The Times can be sent by fax on 0171-782 5112.

Designer duds for the corporate uniform market

Businesses are seeking exclusive and distinctive images, says Susan Gray

staff are often better dressed than their customers it now seems as fashion designers make inroads in the corporate uniform market. Although airlines and perfume houses have long been using designers to create a look for their staff, investment in fashionable outfits across the service sector is relatively new. The present interest in corporate designer clothers goes beyond the Eighties corporate image where a uniform look was thought to secure

Top hotel and restaurant

high sales. Miranda Pothecary, a London-based designer, says businesses are now looking to fashion designers to give them exclusivity and distinction in the market place. "If you go out to dinner in the West End, you don't want to see the staff

in the same clothes as the restaurant down the road." She has just designed the managers' outfit of the newly members' only club in black flared trousers and cardigan, or halter neck dress, both in heavy jersey. "Guests are paying membership fees for somewhere they know customers and staff will be dressed up." she says. Evening elegance costs about £600 an outfit.

Having designed corporate daywear for cabin crew and cosmetic counter staff, Ms Pothecary now works only on evening wear. "With corporate uniforms the job of the designer is to get the best possible image for the company. Unfortunately, there's never just one person to decide what that image should be so the designer gets caught in the crossfire if bosses aren't thinking along the same lines."

Corporate buyers can be unrealistic about budgets and sizing to get a tailored fit. Staff need two outfits, each renewed annually. Normal retail sizing will not work where staff range from short and petite to tall and well built. New textiles



hard-wearing quality less of a problem. From a designer's point of view, fabric quality gives corporate work the edge over producing ranges for high street retailers. From the business side, the cost of briefing a designer is justified

signer takes the essence of an idea and reinterprets it for the Isabell Kristensen, who has designed for the Duchess of

standing to possess its own identity. The striking uniforms were part of a £10 million investment to refit the hotel and we wanted the staff to feel that they were part of York, worked in dark mauve that investment as well. Staff for the uniform redesign of the Churchill Hotel in 1994. Chriswould not feel the same pride

proud that working at the Churchill means something different."

Dark mauve was chosen to complement the light greens and grey marble of the Chur-chill lobby, Mr Cowdray says the look created fits in with the current ambience of the Clementine restaurant, lobby and bar and should last for another two or three years.

If the hotel changes the concept of the restaurant, lobby and bar before then, it will look at uniforms afresh. Mr Cowdray estimates that commissioning Ms Kristensen cost about E50,000, with replacement uniforms running at £150 for a waiter's waistcoat and trousers to £500 for a doorman with a top hat, winter and summer coat.

The design is worn by all the front-of-house staff except the restaurant manager, who wears a dark suit. "Isabell has given the Churchill branding. and the feedback from customers is very positive." Mr Cowdray says.

Companies seeking a designer look without paying signer prices can turn to

corporate range by Elizabeth Emanuel, designer to Diana, Princess of Wales. Marcel Plesner, managing director. says: "Women managers demand a softer look and the Emanuel name is certainly helping to sell the range." Mr Plesner is critical of major corporate uniform suppliers that dress female managers in the same quality and cut of fabric as housekeeping staff. With individual items priced under £100, retail Emanuel is more affordable than countire. Female customers have been more conservative than Mr Piesner anticipated. "Our best seller is the navy management suit, and skirts are far more popular than trousers. Having worked with London College of Fashion students to design waiters' and busboys' uniforms on Orient Lines's MV Marco Polo, Mr Plesner says

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ACCOUNTANCY

Directors will not go wrong following example of auditors

BY CLIVE BOXER

IN THE United Kingdom we of third parties or natural have a habit of latching on to the wrong point, and miss the right point. Thus structural weaknesses are ignored. We have one in corporate gover-

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It is wrong continually to criticise the level of salaries of top executives entitled to the maximum their fellow direc-tors believe they should receive. They are the exception, not the rule, and set targets for everybody. We should confine our complaints to the level of compensation the high-flyers receive after losing their jobs.

They are well-rewarded for the wrong reason. The nonexecutive directors who should be making the important corporate governance decisions are powerless and ineffective. They are only too pleased to have scapegoats highly paid with massive pension rights and potential con-tractual claims if there is a sudden dismissal. That gives them a sacrifice for their own ineffectiveness.

A director is not liable for other directors' misdolngs only for his or her own. Therefore, the less you do as a non-executive director, the less likely you are to be a culprit for what goes wrong. The House of Lords recently ruled that a person injured by a defendant at a junction where the view was obscured could not get damages from a highway authority which was aware of the danger. The authority has a duty to provide highways, maintain them and remove danger. Was it liable for doing nothing when it was

aware of a risk? Lord Hoffman pointed out that there is a big difference in the law between requiring one who acts to take reasonable care not to cause damage to others, and a person who does nothing in particular to take

causes. He justified the reasoning that omission is not as serious as commission, on political, moral and economic grounds. The moral ground was referred to as the "why pick on me" argument, which could be the secret code of conduct non-executive

directors. All that would change if the directors of the board had joint and several hability for each other's actions. This is what occurs inside partnerships. The audits of companies are, for the most part, carried out by a relatively small team of experts whose failings make every partner in the firm personally liable for the negligence perpetrated by the team.

In a partnership there is a very hands-on approach to most matters because the partners are personally liable for what is going on at the very lowest level. This is not so with a board of directors, which has a potential culprit already prepared for the chop, and compensation to go with it. The non-executives should be paid more and be responsible for what goes wrong at an

executive level. All it requires is an implied joint and several liability of the directors for the actions of each other in their role as directors. There will be no increase in duties or liabilities. Our law is sensible in the way it operates. except that at the present time each director is only liable for his own actions or omissions. Non-executive directors are, therefore, only too pleased to vote the most they can to those they intend to blame if some-

thing goes wrong.
If this significant change was made, non-executive directors would take more interest in what is going on; their rewards would increase and they would be less inclined to approve steps to prevent another from enormous salaries to the chief suffering harm from the acts executives; the number of di-



make them seriously liable. At the moment, corporate governance is reduced to disqualifying directors after the insolvent collapse of a company. What is required to prevent the entrepreneurial genius from getting out of control without curtailing initiative is the same approach that applies within the professions, namely joint and sev-eral responsibility. This minor amendment to the law would have this effect.

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Clive Boxer is a consultant with Davies Arnold Cooper.

Leaving people happier and wiser

THERE can be joy in accoun- business environment so tancy. Anyone who was at last week's annual Scots ICA summer conference in St Andrews would understand that, It has become a unique occasion in the accounting calendar. It is a time for Scors accountants to get together, to listen to some of the best business and financial thoughts of the day, to discuss the issues and to have a

thoroughly good time. This year saw three stunning case studies. Ian Russell, ScottishPower's finance direc-tor, Brian Stewart, Scottish & Newcastle chief executive. and Derek Hunt, the chairman of MFI, made a powerful trio. All gave their thoughts on growth and strategy and how their organisations had

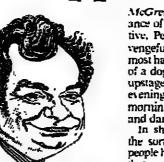
approached those challenges. The point about such quality of contributors and how the conference brings out the best in them is the concentration on relaxing. Each of the talks is mulled over by discussion groups in private and ideas brought to picnary session to draw the speakers' comments. It is not a formal

people such as Derek Hunt plainly than normally. The value is immense.

The discussion groups embrace a wide range of experience. In one there was a gap of almost 60 years between the qualification dates of two participants. Sir lan Morrow, the legendary company doctor, qualified as a Scots CA in 1936. The younger of the group qualified with a lively Edinburgh firm only last year. Sir Ian passed on anecdotes

of experience to illustrate topics such as the dearth of entrepreneurs with staying qualified CA told him how the exam system should be reformed. The groups provide low-key but informed discussion. Having Derck Hunt sit in and talk about the importance of cashflow taught people more about how management really works than any business school course

ever could. And there is, of course, the social side. The Scots insultute is a small accounting body.



ROBERT BRUCE

Its members stick together and build close networks. There is still the end of conference ceilidh - post-dinner entertainment created by the members. People bring fiddles and play jigs. Others create sketches and songs. This year's highlight was probably the dramatic re-creation, involving the president and chief

executive of the Canadian ICA.

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McGrew. Though the appearance of the Scots chief executive, Peter Johnstone, as the vengeful miner, "with a face most hair and the dreary state of a dog whose day is done", upstaged them both. The evening, by now teetering on morning, ends with piping In short, the conference is

the sort of event that leaves people happier and wiser. And that may be its problem. For conferences like this, which take a couple of days or more off the diary, have fallen foul of the frenetic insistence on avoiding thought. The large accounting firms, whose natural habitat such events used to be, now encourage a culture where a combination of astonishing and burgeoning internal bureaucracy combined with an insistence on exclusive loyalty measured almost solely through long hours has eradicated the thoughtful. The result is that fewer and fewer accountants feel that they can

for more than a few hours. This is crushing the profession. Events such as this are

justify not being at their desk

the ones that give you time to gain new ideas and reassess old ones. The insistence by the accountancy firms in particular that such processes are superfluous is a criminal and pernicious destruction of the central value of the

profession. It is significant that the institute president, Robert Smith, chief executive of Mor-gan Grenfell Development Capital, spoke with great passion to members. He had been in London overnight heading the internal investigation into the Morgan Gren-

fell's European fund. He talked generally about the essence of being a professional. Be dead honest. Be dead straight and blow whistles. A system is growing up which says that if there is a manual then you have covered yourself and your actions. Right and wrong don't seem to exist any more. And we all know in our hearts when something is right or wrong.

Those principles are what an event like the Scots summer conference builds. Long may it

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

'Bearding' the Scots in their den

IN TIMES past the person with the hardest time of it at the Scots ICA annual conference has always been the chief executive of the English ICA. He has had to endure insults of tartan and ruder hues being hurled at him.

Times are becoming calmer these days. But it was thought significant at the conference last week that Andrew Colquhoun had chosen this time of year to shave off his beard of the past 25 years. Several people claimed to fail to recognise him.

But the act has rejuvenated him. Unlike Samson, the loss of his beard has galvanised the man. In the early hours of Saturday morning he could be seen indulging in a hugely energetic "Dashing White Sergeant" amid the chaos of the closing ceilidh.

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SCOTS accountants are famed for their longevity. So

appropriate anniversaries. Robert Smith, the institute president, found himself congratulating one member recently on completing 70 years in practice.

The lady concerned is 99 years old. "And furthermore," said Smith in tones of mounting incredulity, "it had to be delivered to her office because she was at work."

Letters lament

THE myriad of accountancy qualifications can baffle. At last week's Scots ICA annual conference there was a spirited discussion of the quality of finance directors.

Derek Hunt, chairman of MFI, was singing the praises of two recent finance directors the company has had. Mr Smith, the Scots institute leader, tried to explain to the audience that neither of the MFI men were Scots CAs but were members of the CIMA, the management accounting

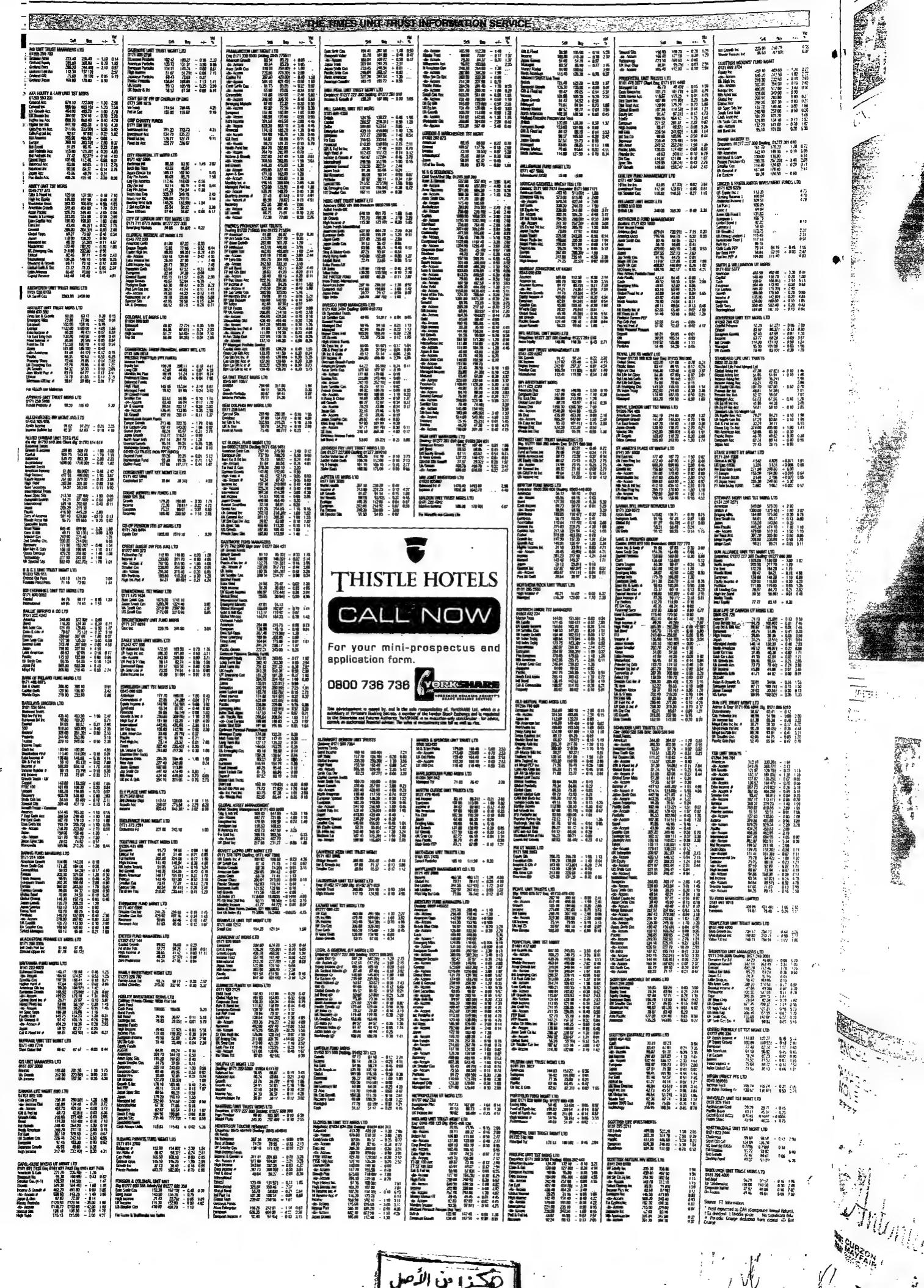
They are both CIMA-qualified. he interjected. "What does that mean?" responded a puzzled Hunt.



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■ FILM I **Body-flaunting** routines and family values don't mix well in Demi Moore's



FILM 2

Cue the noise, the violence and familiar action: Kurt Russell roars back with Escape from L.A.





FILM 3

Oscar-winning Antonia's Line presents feisty feminist wisdoms in a Dutch farming village



FILM 4

... while The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love offers good value for \$60,000

CINEMA: Demi Moore takes most of her clothes off in Striptease. Geoff Brown is not terribly impressed by the results



"Teasing comes hard: she is always gleaming, always on show": Demi Moore practises her go thither look

Moore is less, if you want the naked truth

emi Moore is becoming the lemale answer to Sylvester Stallone or Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is more sculpture than human being, a lean machine carved out on a thousand exercise bikes. And since her new film is called Striptease, she has plenty of chances to advertise her wares.

To earn money while fighting a legal battle over custody of her daughter, her character, Erin Grant, strips at a Florida club. She writhes. She wriggles. She feels her body, especially when listening to songs by Annie Lennox. Total nudity, bar a G-string, is achieved after 60 minutes.

Moore, always a difficult actress to warm to, is especially forbidding in Striptease. Teasing comes hard: she is always gleaming, always on show. Aside from flaunting the body beautiful, she flaunts herself as a caring mother. True, the script, derived from a novel by Carl Hiaasen, asks her to; but the mawkish indulgence of the scenes with the daughter (Moore's real-life offspring Rumer Willis) goes way

beyond the call of duty.

Maybe we would feel the pain less if the writer and director, comedy specialist Andrew Bergman, exerted a strong grip. But he dawdles. He digresses, One moment the film revels in raunchy nudity; the next it cuddles up to family values. One scene will swipe at Florida sleaze and political hypocrisy: the next aims at hearttugging melodrama. You never know where you are.

Burt Reynolds scarcely helps. As the over-sexed Congressman David Dilbeck he is supposed to appear stewed through lust, alcohol, or both; but this does not mean that he needs to look like a Madame basement. Just occasionally Reynolds hits the mark as he babbles about possessing Erin's "velvet self" or lusts for the lint from her spin dryer. But he mostly generates

Do you remember Snake Plissken? It was 15 years ago. A maverick felon, dressed in straggly hair, eye-patch and grunge, he was forced to rescue the American President from the walled prison Island of Manhattan. If your memory fails you, fear not; for John Carpenter's Escape from L.A. peddles much the same plot as his Escape from New York. The star is the same. Kurt Russell. The evepatch is the same. Even the film's quality is similar; aside from some upgrading in movie technology. this is the same blowsy kind of

action movie As usual in Carpenter's recent movies, there are glimpses of better things. The vein of satire that surfaced in *They Live* pokes through once more, but time and again imagination gets trampled by commercial imperatives. The noise is turned up. Violence rages. And darkness rules, draining much of the pleasure we might otherwise get from seeing LA in futuristic dress (the film takes place in 2013).

Snake's job is to save President Cliff Robertson's neck, and winkle out a stolen doomsday weapon from the anarchists who thrive in LA's ruins. The assignment takes muscle, nerve, but not much humour; and the dull bark of Kurt Russell's voice soon stamps out any sparks of pleasure from peripheral characters such as Steve Buscemi's shifty "Map to the Stars" Eddie, or

Peter Fonda's eternal surfer. The Dutch film-maker Marleen Gorris made her name in the early 1980s with two striking and prickly features, A Question of Silence and Broken Mirror, both of which poured lots of energy into being nasty about the male sex. The director is still a committed feminist in Antonia's Line, although tional, the tone one of celebration, not complaint. If Antonia were an earlier Gorris heroine, she'd be slaving away in a brothel, or handcuffed for murdering a rapist. instead, the lady flourishes,

tive Tuesdays sounds like a heavy

load for even the most dedicate

cineaste, but at least the works in

Channel 4's latest series of The Shooting Gailery have the advantage of being short. Very short. Shorts, in fact.

The short film has traditionally provid-

ed the essential apprenticeship for fea-

ture film-makers. The veteran Fred

Zinnemann, who directed a score of

shorts for MGM before making his first feature, recalls. They had to tell their

story in ten minutes. You learnt economy not only in sticking to a budget but also in

telling a story". Those days are gone, and

such shorts as are made today are mainly

from film schools, or the British Film

Striptease Odeon West End, 15, 117 mins Demi Moore strips while **Burt Revnolds watches** Escape from L.A.

Empire, 15, 101 mins Blowsy action fare from John Carpenter Antonia's Line

Curzon Mayfair, 15. 102 mins Oscar-winning feel-good movie The Incredibly True Adventure of Two

Girls in Love Metro, 15, 98 mins Gauche but sweet tale of lesbian teenagers Guantanamera Metro, 15, 114 mins Tame Cuban satire

spreading joy and wisdom over several decades in a small Dutch farming community. She also spread joy among Hollywood's Academy members; earlier this year, Antonia's Line won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film.

Indeed, Gorris is so intent on making audiences feel good -women audiences, especially that she may cause the less susceptible to wince. Ensconced at her lovely pink farmhouse, Willeke Van Ammelrooy's statuesque Antonia collects an extended family of oppressed souls taking shelter from male brutality or straitlaced society. Under Gorris's indulgent gaze, they frolic, nurture each other, and spout sage remarks. "There's nothing for it," Anionia

proclaims. "Life's got to be lived The film's sweet pill might be easier to swallow if Gorris's script had a firmer shape. But dramatic highlights are few; and the quick bursts of magic realism — singing corpses. smiling statues of the

Female bonding of a different kind forms the subject of The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls In Love, a gauche little American independent film shot for \$60,000 in 21 days. Maria Maggenti, the director, has shorts and documentaries to her credit, although there are few signs of technical polish: the camera rarely seems to be in the right place at the right time, and she allows the acting of subsidiary characters to get unpleasantly shrill.

ut the film's lack of finesse must be weighed against its sweet disposition and the ease with which it welcomes lesbians into the teer movie genre. Rich, clever black girl Evie needs her tyre pressure checked; garage hand Randy hap-pily obliges. Soon they explore each others' interests, hold hands tenta-tions. tively, and run the gauntlet of friends and family. Maggenti's script is very hit-and-miss, but her two lead actors, Laurel Holloman and Nicole Parker, have enough natural charm to survive most hazards, even quotations from Walt Whitman.

The late Cuban director Tomás Gutiérrez Alea was already seriously ill with cancer when he made Guantanamera. Since the story concerns the misadventures of a funeral cortège, he could be forgiven for signs of directorial fumbling. But we are still left with a tume, lame film that falls a long way below his 1960s triumphs, let alone 1993's Strawberry and Chocolate.

Externally, things look upbear. The sunshine beats down. The music is peppy (it includes, of course, the popular title song). And Martha Ibarra delights as the mourning niece who gets a second lethargic, while the digs at the country's bureaucracy and crumbling infrastructure scarcely count as satire. A sad memorial.

MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT CHINA

Richard Cork continues his daily series on the British Museum's magnificent Mysteries of Ancient China show

LAMP IN THE FORM OF A TREE

DISCOVERED in a sizeable, undisturbed brick tomb in Henan province, this delightful lamp was positioned next to a ceramic banqueting table. The tomb's occupant must have hoped that it would illuminate the feasts he would hold there.

The tree itself evokes the worlds of the immortals. A mountain is depicted on the base, where a couple of sexted human figures are surrounded by a flurry of wolves, stags, pigs, mon-keys, tigers and toads, all chasing each other. The central pillar, deco-

rated with four cicadas, rests on a turtle's back and supports the main lamp's base. As if to emphasise the object's magical power, four immortals ride winged dragons out of the shallow basin. Above them, a dozen undulating branches thrust their way up from the

TOMORROW: Figure of a Dancer

'Lacks real depth'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

Tom Newton Dunn, 22: A great Friday night post-pub film; what a shame I watched it on a Monday morning. The cheap and admittedly funny gags lose colour quite easily. Demi Moore was great, but I don't think my opinion was formed by an appreciation of her acting talents. Sophie Hobbs, 22: Light en-

tertainment with a simple storyline. The film is comical, but as a work it lacks real depth. The plot is predictable and the impression disappointing.
Rob Kendall, 21: Calling a

film Striptease and having Demi Moore as the star appeared to be a cheap way to attract an audience. It was. Although there were some amusing moments, the subplot was unconvincing. If you watch the film for the dancing girls, Pandora Peaks is unmissable. Worth seeing, I suppose, but for the same price you could see it live in

Rachel Peirse, 20: Moore is a little mechanical in this vaguely entertaining farce. Burt Reynolds was an amusing



deviant Congressman. I wouldn't see it again.

ESCAPE FROM LA: Tom: I liked Escape from New York so much - the underworld debauchery of man left to himself really appeals to me. I thought the makers made the least of a potentially futuristic fascinating

Sophic: An entertaining nonstop action-packed film. The special effects are good, but the film lacks originality. The violence at times verges on the monotonous. It's worth a watch if you enjoy futuristic films, but don't get your hopes

up.
Rob: I certainly preferred Escape from New York to this. Despite a huge budget some of the special effects appear to be cartoons. None of the characters was developed and the story-line was bare, but the

film is entertaining. Rachel: Quite exciting. It has cult appeal with its themes of semi-clad depravity and futuristic pessimism. Ultimately, though, I was bored.

ANTONIA'S LINE: Tom: This is the sort of film

that should make Hollywood and all who work in it redundant. The most powerful cinematic exposition of feminism I've seen, put across in the subtlest of ways.

Sophie: A thought-provoking and endearing story, which covers 50 years of Dutch life. The characters are intriguing and excellently portrayed. The underlying themes are subtly interwoven and the result is a profound and striking tale. Not to be missed.

Rob: Fascinating characters, most of them crazy. The film is very wirty but also has a serious philosophical under-

Rachel: A funny yet poignant exploration of universal lears. It was visually imaginative

More brief encounters

What is on offer in

Channel 4's latest foray

into the world of shorts?

the allenated or the handicapped, Ged Haney's The Kings of Siam is about Siamese twins who have divergent ambitions to be a World Cup footballer and a pop star.

Institute production fund, or privately Young film-makers like the mystic and can't stand bigotry: one of the marathons financed, or sponsored by special BBC or Channel 4 initiatives.

More than half the films in The is collectively titled Heavenly Pursuits. When the films deal with sexuality they Shooting Gallery are from Britain, and indicate that British directors generally tend to be generous and unbiased. From Ireland, Orna Walsh's Bent Out of favour the neatly packaged short story Shape (showing next week) is a sophistiform with a gag pay-off. They also show a predilection for films featuring the odd. tated and constantly unexpected study of working class sexual attitudes, seen from

the viewpoint of a gay student working in a sleazy video shop.

All but a handful of the films come

from English-speaking countries, with 18 from Australia and New Zealand and a mere five from America. But the Americans outshine the rest in pace and polish. Mike Bernadout's A Little Worm is a black-and-white exercise in pure style, based on a childhood experience of Larry Adler, when the prodigy of the harmonica encountered the king of the under-world Al Capone. Peggy Rajski's Trevor. showing next week, won the 1994 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short, and is a seriously wise comedy about a 13-year-old boy who dreams of being Diana Ross. This one alone is well worth staying awake for.

DAVID ROBINSON

The Shooting Gallery season continues next Channel 4's booklet, Short, Sharp Shots - A Guide to Low and No-Budget Filmmaking, is available (E2) from The Shooting Gallery, PO Bax 4000, London W5 2GH



lamp's trunk. Finally, an ample bird, a pearl in its

beak, flies over the tree top.

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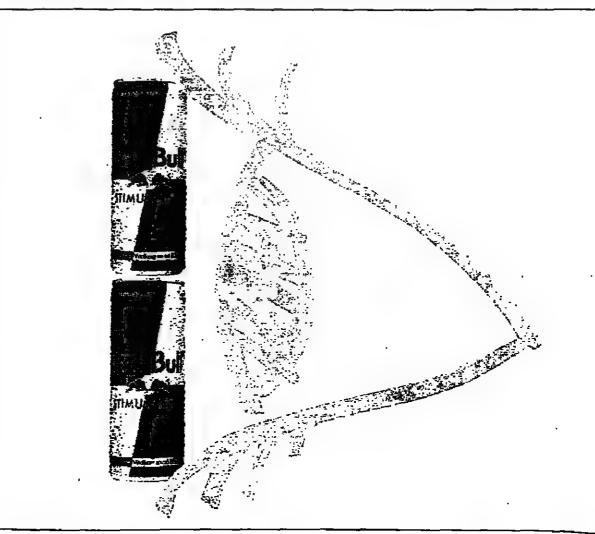
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Curtain up on Harold Pinter's latest play, Ashes to Ashes VENUE: First night at the Ambassadors



■ CHOICE 2

Griff Rhys Jones stars in the Ben Travers comedy, Plunder VENUE: From tonight at

the Churchill, Bromley

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CHOICE 3 Veteran guitar

virtuoso Julian Bream opens the Beverley Festival VENUE: Tonight at St Mary's Church



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letting thriller, written when phone numbers still included letters — and its old-age is self-ewdeni Apollo. Shalfesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Fr. 8pm, Set 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 5pm THE FLOWT INTO EXPEN

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CARDIFF Welsh National Oners's autumn season combnues with its second performance of Mozan's timeless opera. Den Glovanni, direct by Katie Mitchell. The Ileian bartions

by Katte Mitchell. The letter bartons Davide Demaan is making his WNO debut in the hite role, with Anwel Huw Morgan as Leporello. Cara O'Sultivan at Donna Anria, and Gwyn Hughes Jones, as Don Otravio. Conducted by the company's Muck Director. Carlo Riczi, and sung in Italian with English surfides. New, Park Piace (01222 878889) Tonight, 7 15pm. Then on Sept 24, 27 and 30.

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7.45pm, Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mets Wed (Oct 2.9, 16), 2pm, and Sat (Sept 28, Oct 12), 3pm Until October 19 TODAY'S CHOICE

Also in Leads, there is standing-room only for Opera North's new production of the Puccan layounte Medians. Butterity, directed by the young Lithuanian, Dalia liberrauptaite. The cast is led by the American tenor Mark Nicolson as Pritierion, the Chinese vecasion as revenon, me Christee soprano Chen Sue as Cro-Cio San, and the Australian soprano Liamne Keegan as Suzuki, who are all malking their Opera North debuts Sung in Italian Leeds Grand, 46 New Briggala (0113-

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CASINO

CIC, 18, 1995 ROBERT DE NIRO is the Mob's man in Las Vegas during the 1970s, who builds and loses an empire. Joe Pesci is the trigger-happy thug who keeps him company; and Sharon Stone, in a notable performance, is the wife who self-destructs. Martin Scorsese orchestrates the action with immense flair, gliding around the casino tables: he also shows in fascinating detail how money is won, lost, diverted and skimmed. If only the central human drama had the impact of the incidentals; and if only the film did not feel so much like GoodFellas II. Available to rent.

SPANKING THE MONKEY Tartan, 18, 1994

A QUIETLY impressive and disturbing first feature from David O. Russell. a thirtysomething New Yorker with an original slant on dysfunctional family life in suburbia. Hero Raymond is a college student forced to spend his summer tending his bedridden mother. Sexual frustrations mount ultimately incest is reached. Russell's wry tone avoids sensationalism and lets black humour flourish. Jeremy Davies heads a well-chosen, unknown cast.

FRENCH TWIST Fox Guild, 18, 1995

JOSIANE BALASKO'S French farce has the usual ingredients - wife, husband and lover. But this time the lover is a butch lesbian who breezes into the wife's life and leaves the philandering husband quivering. A silly trille perhaps, prone to broad slapstick, but the saucy tone and popular cast generated a big local hit; and it is worth suffering a few pratfalls for a film that wears a sunny smile and delights in love of all shades. With



Typecast: Robert De Niro reprises his hard-man persona for the umpteenth time in Martin Scorsese's Casino

Victoria Abril and Alain Chabat. This rental release is the subtitled version.

BLACK RAIN

Artificial Eye. 15, 1989 QUIETLY magnificent and poignant Japanese portrait of a family suffering over the years from the after-effects of the Hiroshima bomb. Shooting in crisp black-and-white, the director Shohei Imamura avoids all rhetoric; the film's strength comes from its

understated dignity and observation of derail. Music by the late Toru Takernitsu adds to the spell.

MIGHTY APHRODITE Buena Vista, 15, 1995

AMAZED at his adopted son's high IQ. Woody Allen goes in search of his natural mother and finds a dumb tart with a heart. The themes may be familiar, but Allen's comedy offers fresh variations, plus one engaging novelty - a Greek chorus who comment on the action ("Lenny, don't be such a schmuck!" and ultimately burst into song. If you get tired of Allen's neuroses, there is always Oscar-winner Mira Sorvino's wellrounded, touching performance as the squeaky-voiced porn actress who inspires him to play match-maker. Available to rent.

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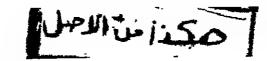
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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale sees Sophocles transferred to London; plus Ted Hughes on Blood Wedding



Blinded in moral amazement

from Epidaurus, where Peter Hall's revival of Sophocles played earlier this month, must have left many readers excited but nervous, How would those masked, stylised performers fare when they left that vast stone arc, with its built-in magic and atmosphere-enhancing moun, and were transplanted to the modest clone we know as the Olivier? The answer is clear well before Alan Howard's Oedipus stumbles onstage. blood leaking down from the bandage that covers his eyes. impressively and, at times,

magnificently.

Oedipus is the victim of fate, doomed to kill his father and marry his mother. But he is also the victim of his own

ing determination to sleuth out truth that causes his downfall. When you watch Howard in his splendid red-black robes, confidently pacing the heavy brick walkway that juts from the iron wall behind him, you cannot miss the paradox. This is a magnetic, responsible ruler brought low less by hubris than by moral lineness. But both the performance

and the production run obvious risks. Howard has always been apt to play virtuoso tunes on that private cello, his voice: and here he soors and dips in ways that would certainly seem affected if he were in doublet and hose, let alone a business suit. But what else should we expect, given Hall's many reminders that Greek drama had its origins in ritual? The actors face the audience when conversing. Ranjit Bolt has provided them with a rhymed, iambically regular transla-tion. And all you can see behind the masks is the flash of an eye or tungue.

The Oedipus Plays Olivier

Hali demonstrated when he used them in The Oresteia 14 years ago, masks are surprisingly flexible. The citizens in Occipus Rex have a permanently guileless, startled look, yet they can express anything from hope to anguish to despair. In Oedipus Colonus, Greg Hicks's

Polynices somehow manages to shift from ambitious expectation to open-mouthed panic without displacing a facial atom. But the masks also help to explain why the emotions on display keep their dis-tance. The evening is always gripping, seldom gut-wrench-

e an oratorio of suffering. Even so, pity is not wholly banished by terror. There are intimate and even touching moments, several involving Howard himself. He and Suzanne Bertish's Jocasta suddenly huddle together as danger nears. Blind and frightened, he clutches at the daughters Pip Donaghy's slippery Creon has tried to abduct. The Oedipus who approaches apotheosis at Colonus, and ends up transminor deities, looks like Eze-kiel as he might have been sculpted by Donatello. He is still larger than life; but there

is vulnerability here too. That is surely Hall's main achievement. Yes, his production has its visually striking moments. He handles the chorus in Oedipus Rex espe-cially well, and his designer, Dionysis Fotopoulos, memorably turns the prophet Teiresias into a swaying sha-man with clay-caked skin. But the final effect is neither picturesque nor stilted, what really matters is that Hall has reconciled Sophocles's moral grandeur with Sophocles's surpassing humanity.

■ Peter Stothard, the Editor of The Times, will be in conversation with Peter Hall at the Olivler on Saturday at 5.30pm

A marriage of blood and poetry

ed Hughes is as exact and exacting in his language as a Poet Laureate should be Interviews make him neryous, because the clear transmission of ideas is difficult via conversation into print and he would choose not to pin them down too much in any case. A shy, friendly man, he talks obligingly and revealingly enough, but it is clear he would prefer to think or

write rather than chat. We meet at the Young Vic where his translation of Lorca's Blood Wedding is being directed by Tim We don't want to intellectualise in any way," he says, while we are still shaking hands. "It short-circuits the response of the audience." Ideally he would like to take away their expectations and learnt responses, so that they come naked to the play and respond to it on their own terms".

For Hughes. Blood Wedding, which opens at the Young Vic tomorrow, is "the ultimate statement of an ultimate event - and notoriously difficult to pull off on stage". Written in 1932 after Lorca had read a newspaper report about a murder committed the day before a wedding, it has the power and inevitability of folk tale. A bride runs away with another man on her wedding day; death follows unavoidably for the two men, and

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the woman is disgraced. In August 1936, Lorca was himself murdered by Nationalist partisens in Granada at the beginning of the civil war. of" Lorca's poetry, which he reads in Spanish, although, perhaps surprisingly, he denies any similarity with his own work. It is the very Spanishness which he finds fascinating: "Part African, part Andalusian, the old Berber world, with its ferocious code of behaviour and the nearness to the surface of something explosive. There is a tremendous scream in the writing of Blood Wedding — yet an almost Japanese control. The Spanish language, too, has "an explosive, penetrative quality unlike English".

The passion which drives the man and woman to flout strict social convention regardless of the bloody consequences is equated by Hughes with duende. This is an elemental energy, a demonic force identified by Lorca as being present in some art and described in an essay by him. Play and Theory of the Duende, which Hughes fervently recommends. According to this, while an angel gives the artist light and a muse form, deende is "of blood, of the most ancient culture, of spontaneous creation". Bach has duende and Lorca is said to have listened obsessively to Cantata No 140 while he was writing Blood Wedding.

The play as a whole, says Hughes, is "very satisfying as a poem, musically taut. The prose dialogue is as tightly interconnected and consistent with the inner crystal of the play as the verse which Lorca chooses for the ritualistic scenes of wedding and death." Hughes set out to render it "very simply, very directly" into English. "I didn't try to replace one poetic idea with another. All Lorca's references are precise. Tinkering would alter the inner tensions of the play." As a result the translation is rhythmic, almost liturgical. Lorca constantly expresses human emotion in terms of natural phenomena: flowers, fire, snow. These are described by Hughes as "a ritualised engagement with the natural world". Ritualised but not divorced from reality. "There is a solid, rock-hard centre, a deep elemental reality. There is no sense

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Ted Hughes - Blood Wedding is "the ultimate statement of an ultimate event - and notoriously difficult to pull off on stage"

that he was inventing a plot to make it work dramatically. There is a dead certainty that it actually happens. Love and death -- that is Lorca's secret — they are two faces of one god. The first lines in Blood Wedding anticipate the whole."

The bridegroom's mother expresses her fear and hatred of knives and all weapons as her son leaves for his work in the vineyard, with a knife in his hand. "The play proceeds to fulfil these lines until the knife is almost apotheosised at the end. It is a hidden character beneath the action."

Hughes says that Blood Wedding may be beautiful as a poem, but "director and actors have to find a wavelength in which this primitive event may be released".

For his part, he prefers to see the script not as expressing final meanings, but as "provisional".

● Blood Wedding begins previews at the Young Vic, 66 The Cut, London SEI (0171-928 6363), tomorrow and opens on

THE SEATIMES



Bohemian rhapsody, part II

MONDAY'S second stage of the Royal Opera's Great Au-turn Bohème Marathon brought a completely new cast to act out this ever-affecting ritual of love and loss, in a

naturally flowing, well-balanced perfor-mance led by Jan Latham-Koenig and a production

up by John Copley. As John Higgins suggested on Tues-day, only the lighting lets the side down: Julia Trevelyan Oman's decor is flattered neither by darkness (frequent) nor illumination (fleeting). Leontina Vaduva is as appealing a Mimi as you could

hope to meet: frail of figure but robust of tone, if lacking that extra ounce of warmth to add depth to her athletic. bright sound. She acts the role with great poignancy. Some-

thing went wrong with her make-up in the last act, though face deathly Richard

La Bohème pale, neck Covent Garden healthily pink. Leech is just as easy a naturalistic actor, and his experience in French roles means that he is enviably free at the top of the voice. After a certain huskiness early on, he soared

excitingly in a very winning

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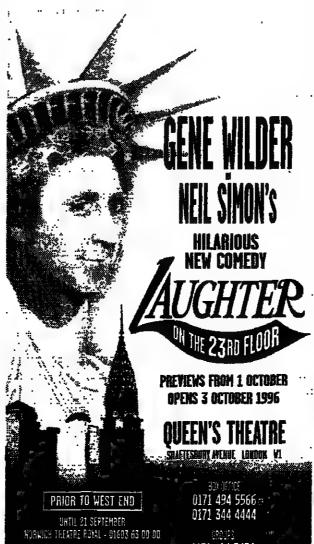
winning, and Cynthia Lawbut when played, sung and rence's robustly sung Musetta rehearsed so well, Bohème (house debut) was a tart with a cannot fail, nor did it. Not much vocal finesse

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venturousness their opening concert of the season included a new work, Colin Matthews's Cello Concerto No 2 - but

alas, it proved an arid, uninspiring score. Written for Mstislav Rostro-

povich - who, in a fortnight's time, will premiere James MacMillan's Cello Concerto with the same forces - Matthews's Second Concerto is very different to its 1984 prede-

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cessor. This sparser piece gives the solo instrument a more prominent role without making excessively virtuosic

demands. At least there is a clear. logical structure to the concerto: the dark brass fanfares and woodwind flutterings of the cherzo are framed by two

out Text", and they in turn are linked to sustained outer movements that contain the core material. The oppressive tension of the opening is perhaps resolved in the lyricism that sweeps through at the end, but there are no vigorous, arresting ideas. Despite Davis's disciplined direction and even Rostropovich's big, bold gestures, the performance fell flat.

The season had got off to a propitious start with Sibelius's early tone poem, En Saga. Few conductors understand Sibelius like Davis does, and his account had rugged flexibility, raw power and a sense of mystery to support the composer's evasive explanation of its programme as "the expression of a state of mind". Warm, characterful playing from all the strings made this even more memorable than the fiercely propulsive performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony that brought the evening to a blazing end.

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But some societies are more equal than others

Howard Davies on an ambitious assessment of the economic dilemmas of modern life

vailable in all good bookshops" is the way publishers typically describe the distribution arrangements for hard-toshift volumes. On days when my pedantic instincts are in the ascendant I find it an irritating phrase. "Good bookshops" defined how? No doubt by the presence of the

book in question. It is tempting to make the same point about The Good Society. A society is "good" when it follows Galbraithian principles which, in turn, are the demonstrated qualities of the good society.

This is, I acknowledge, slightly unfair. Galbraith has tried to flesh out his definition. He has done so, however, in a style whose de haut en bas characteristics the word "arch" does not even dotted with phrases like "of

THE GOOD

SOCIETY The Humane Agenda By J.K. Galbraith Sinclair-Stevenson, E12.99 ISBN 1856195090 let us pass. The good review

this there will be later mention" or "the matter here urged is" which read like translations from High German, and is punctuated with trenchant summaries of the story so far: "This, the good and affluent society and polity can now allow."

A book so replete with conclusions and recommendations should not be judged on its style, though it is worth making the point that the good book does not repel its

readers: this, the profit-seeking publisher cannot allow. But wait. It is as easy, and as fruitless, for the reviewer to lock himself into a tone of hostile cynicism as it was for J. K. to adopt his particular biblical, portentous style. So be gone, taste, and to content

that way surely turns. Galbraith seeks, heroically, to define the good society, not just in general but also in relation to the particulars of policies pursued by Western democracies. I say "Western democracies" but this is a book whose centre of gravity lies halfway between Boston and Washington DC -- somewhere on the New Jersey Turnpike, I think. Because in the midst of his timeless observations come some very



Galbraith: portentous

particular thoughts on the gubernatorial politics of the Garden State.

The early chapters on "the social foundation" or "the good economy" may serve

historians two centuries hence as a guide to late 20th-century patrician liberal thought. Indeed. Galbraith makes some firm and sensible points in his sections on the deficit, the good economy and "the deci-

sive role of education". But the test of any guidebook is its ability to lead the tourist through difficult territory. How well does The Good Society score against

Take the fraught question of inequality. What should we think about the recent tendency towards a more unequal distribution of income in the United States and the United Kingdom in particular? Galbraith's is aware of the trend, of course. His solution is that "the good society seeks, where possible, to reverse the decline

in trade union power". Well, maybe. But he points out that "for many workers, however, organisation is not now a practical solution". So we are left in suspense.

Then consider downsizing. Galbraith's view is clear: he is against it. But he is honest enough to acknowledge that some of the causes of the underlying problem lie in the downsizers themselves - in what he usefully dubs "non-functional proliferation" of employment. So how does the good society respond? Well, it makes sure that there is no non-functional proliferation in the first place. It stands to

reason, as William would say,

There is undoubted social

decency in intelligent action

Lastly, consider his views on the United States in the post-communist world. Here he is on firm ground. The United States has a unique hold on the principles of a good society and should spread the word, so "dispatch of the requisite police cum military personnel must be a general and accepted obligation". Further, the assumption that the United States "must not risk the political

that obviates the need for

recurrent and painful down-

sizing of unneeded staff."

curring any casualties abroad must especially be revised".
 The message is clear: accept the good society, or else. So rush, rush to your nearest good bookshop.

consequences at home of in-

Howard Davies is Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.

Quest for vice and vision

IT IS A rare experience to glance at the publisher's hype on a book sleeve and agree with its claims for the author—unless you are the author, of course. But when Flamingo describe J. G. Ballard as being at the forefront of modern British fiction writing for over three decades", whatever your literary taste, this is an uncontestable fact. It is also a triumph for the queasy beauty of Ballard's unnerving vision of worlds gone wrong.

In fact, it must be rather odd to get to the ripe old age of 66. have David Cronenberg film your early novel Crash with its very contemporary fusion of sex and technology — while all about you the youngsters are busily adapting Jane Austen for the big screen.

Although no one in Cocaine Nights wears a bonnet or bustle to snort the white powder while exploring the deformity of English manners, it is in some ways a book about the English. Set in the fictional Spanish coastal resort of Estrella de Mar - a kind of upmarket Marbella -Ballard's retired English expats watch satellite television with the sound turned down. When they are not slumped in a gin haze within the chemically cooled interiors of their dream homes, they swim and play tennis at the resort's classy "Club Nautico".

Deborah Levy

COCAINE NIGHTS By J. G. Ballard Flamingo, El6.99 ISBN 000 2241358

THIS LIFESTYLE of endless leisure is shattered when five Frank Prentice, manager of Club Nautico, is arrested for murder and insists on pleading guilty. His brother, Charles, a travel writer who spends his time on aeroplanes watching films as blurred as our hopes of finding somewhere new", arrives on the scene. Charles intuits that inorder to comprehend his brother's refusal of innocence. he will have first to under-stand the hedonistic world of Estrella de Mar, with its drug trade, weird sex games and

apparently motiveless crime. Thus we have been set up for a thriller, of sorts, except Ballard (as ever, a cool prose master of uneasy erotic atmospheres) is not interested in good versus évil, or in meting out "justice". The titles of his chapters tell us this: "The Psychopath as Saint", "A Quest for New Vices", inviting the reader to enjoy unpacking the minds of attractively sinister citizens and the dead

culture they inhabit. Among those who might finally enlighten Charles are Sanger, the melancholy psychiatrist whose hands tend to wander over his young female junkie patients, and the corrupt property tycoon. Elizabeth Shand, surrounded by boy bouncers in mini swimming trunks. It is Bobby Crawford, however, Club Nautico's tennis coach, who emerges as the mouthpiece for Ballard's contention that Leisure is the Future.

WITH HIS "ice white teeth". messiah-like status and military past. Crawford understands that in a Future of Boredom, unpredictable acts violence can force some kind of social cohesion on a "mentally embalmed" community. Cocaine Nights, with its seamlessly ploned narrative and heightened naturalism shot with abrupt poetry. offers us a chilling version of the Good Life. As Charles becomes increasingly drawn into the idyllic community of Estrella de Mar, he comes to realise that it is often the psychopath who has the best insights into why we have failed to build a meaningful world for ourselves.

Deborah Levy's new novel Billy and Girl will be published by Bloomsbury in November.

SATURDAY

Marcel Berlins on Inspector Morse's latest adventure

Gill Hornby discovers what happened after Emma ended

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novels in brief

Turning all things back to unity

Keith Thomas on an ecumenical

challenge to orthodoxy

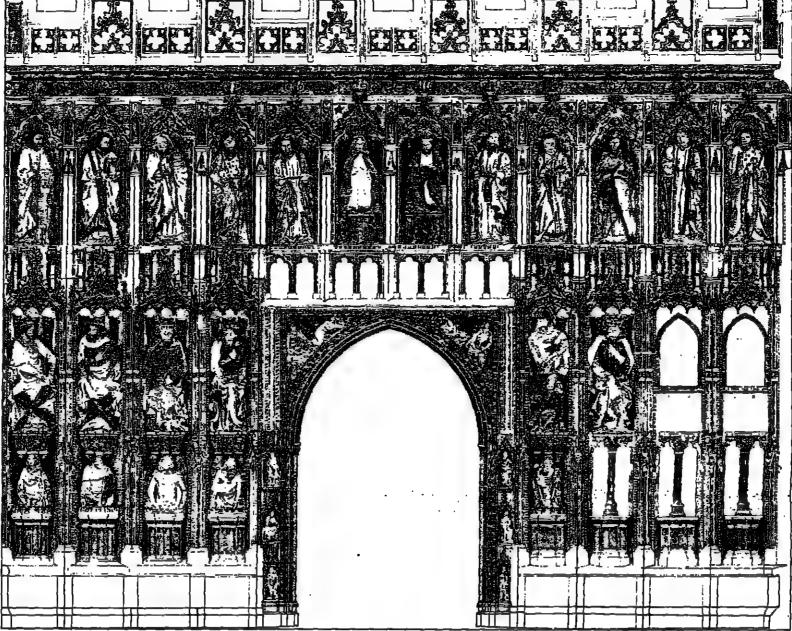
The Reformation is normally regarded as one of the great turning points in history. It irretrievably shattered the unity of medieval Christendom and it brought into being that fateful polarity of Roman Catholic and Protestant which would dominate the subsequent history of Christianity.

Many historians have hailed the event as a magnificent act of liberation which emancipated the individual conscience and opened up the path to freedom, reason and toleration. Others have lamented it as a doleful schism which eroded the Church's authority and prepared the way for the secular materialof the contemporary world. But whether applauding the Reformation as a blow for enlightenment or deploring it as the beginning of modern paganism, they have usually agreed that Roman Catholics and Protestants came to hold sharply opposed

views of God and the world. The two groups did not only differ in their attitude to the authority of the Pope. They also disagreed about the proper relationship of the clergy to the laity and about the way in which God should be worshipped. The celibate priest who absolved penitents and was uniquely qualified to perform the miracle of the Mass had a very different role from that of the married clergyman who preached sermons and conducted Holy Communion

as a commemorative rite. Generations of Protestants recoiled from a religion which involved services in Latin. plaster images of the Virgin and Saints and healing miracles at Lourdes. Today the divided legacy of the Reformation is nowhere more visible than in church architecture and ornament. To observe first the Baroque theatricality of a Jesuit church in Rome and then the puritanical simplicity of a Quaker meeting house is to doubt whether the Society of Jesus and the Society of Friends really practise the same religion.

Yet now there comes a lively book on the Reformation



The exuberance of pre-Reformation art: a reconstruction of the West Front of Exeter Cathedral as it might have appeared in the 15th century

tional verities about its permanently divisive effects. The authors, Derek Wilson and Felipe Fernández-Armesto (fresh from his enthralling Millennium), describe themselves as, respectively, "an Evangelical Protestant of charismatic sympathies sparingly indulged and a Roman Catholic of Tridentine temptations wilfully resisted". Their collaboration is in itself an ecumenical act designed to support their thesis that modern Roman Catholics and Protestants are not mutually opposed antagonists, but fellow-Christians who have in the late 20th century drawn

ever closer together. Their argument is threefold. First, they maintain that there was nothing particularly new about the 16th-century Reformation. Ever since Christianity began, there had been reformers seeking to return

the Church to its apostolic simplicity. "Medieval Europe was just as rich as modern America in prophets, visionaries and gurus offering surefire guides to Heaven." The medieval Church was never united — witness the existence of Eastern orthodoxy — and it embraced an extraordinary diversity of monastic orders. mystics and local cults. The Reformation was just another phase in the long history of attempts at spiritual renewal.

Secondly, the Reformation was a common project for Roman Catholics and Protestants alike. Both sides sought to intensify the faith of individuals and to evangelise ignorant villagers at home and pagans overseas. Personal austerity. Bible study and lay involvement were not the monopoly of Protestants; and Jansenists were as puritanical as any so-called "Puritans". Thirdly, the "quiet revolu-

REFORMATION Christianity and The World 1500-2000 By Felipe Fernández-Armesto and Derek Wilson

Bantam, £30 ISBN 0 593 02743

tion" of the later 20th century has gone a long way towards obliterating the differences which the Reformation created. In the 30 years since Vatican II, the two sides have drawn closer together. Many Protestant churches place more emphasis on the Eucharist than on preaching, while most Roman Catholics have abandoned Latin for the vernacular. Thanks to the charismatic movement, claims to healing miracles are no longer a Roman Catholic monopoly. if they ever were. Protestants

and Roman Catholics sing each other's hymns and are equally uninterested in (or ignorant of) the doctrinal differences which once divided them. A modern Roman Catholic church, like St Jeanne d'Arc in Rouen, could easily be mistaken for an Anglican or

Lutheran building. This is a fresh and original interpretation of what has happened to Christianity over the past 500 years. It is in many ways a convincing one, though, in their pursuit of Christian unity today, the authors surely understate the differences which divided Roman Catholic from Protestant in the past. Despite some wobbles when they get to the 17th century, they march through a long period of history with a confidence that

is impressive. As for the position today, the authors assert wistfully that secularism is now on the

defensive" and that we are living in a period of spiritual renewal. This may be true of the Islamic world, and of Christianity in Africa, but the empty churches and secular culture of Europe make one doubt whether it is true in the lands where the Reformation occurred. No wonder that Roman Catholics and Protestants now see the desirability of hanging together.

Ternández-Armesto and Wilson do not tell us which parts of their book are by which author. It requires no great critical skill to detect two sharply contrasting styles, one rich, vivid and colourful, the other plain, serviceable and a little dull. Whatever the prospects for ecumenism in worship, it seems that at the literary level, denominational differences are not so easily

At the dead heart of the family

ow for all our sakes. let us sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of the death of the Family, that familiar soup that forever stains our ties.

When our leaders speak, as they too often do, of "family values", whose family, exactly, would they have us hold as our ideal as we shamble through a lifelong minefield littered with our kith and kin?

Daily, we're reminded that The Family, as it once was and as it should be, is in trouble, and that the blame falls squarely on (choose one): working mothers, liberality, Britpop, drugs or the sparing of the rod in general. Rubbish. What literature (the Good Book included) has taught us is that families were ever thus - shambolic and conniving; unavoidable. like death. The best ones were (and are) the ones that do not forge a chain made of repeated pain, but the ones that spawn creatures capable of grace, of love and of

forgiveness. How or why this miracle takes place is the very wonder of our flawed existence, and we need to hear as many Marianne Wiggins

IN THIS DARK HOUSE By Louise Kehoe Viking, £17 ISBN 0-670-86641-\$

stories of it as we can. How one forgives one's family for the pain that it has wreaked may be, in fact, the best and most enlightening story any of us can be told. Any writer with the gift to tell it well should be celebrated loud and long, and any book that helps us to learn how to perform such an act of grace should become an instant classic. Such is the writer Louise Kehoe and her family memoir, In This Dark House.

Born and raised in England but now living in the United States, Kehoe is the daughter of the architectural genius Berthold Lubetkin, best remembered by most people as the creator of the gorilla and penguin houses at London Zoo. But by fellow architects. he is immortal as the founder Tecton, an architectural

practice which became the greatest protagonist of prewar Modernism in Britain. The fire hazard of being born into familial proximity to such genius. Kehoe writes, was to have been burnt by that allconsuming brilliance. "We grew up," she writes of her and her siblings' early years. in permanent contention with one another over a meagre and fickle supply of paternal

affection." But instead of feeling sorry for herself and the other victims of her father's emotional brutality, when Kehoe is given a picture of her father as a boy in his native Russia, she sets out to uncover how the gentle child became the stormy man. Along the way she unearths a complicated history of family myth-making and deception. Often told artlessly (her style is that of a natural). Kehoe's journey into her family's truth is a pageturning thriller. At once both spellbinding and spine-tin-gling. In This Dark House never fails to astonish. It is impossible to overpraise this gem of a book and its brave



Louise Kehoe (left) with her father and brother, Robby

and compassionate author.

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Please send cheques or postal orders (no credit cards) payable to Akom Ltd. 5i Manor Lane, London SEI3 50W Enquiries: 0181 852 4575 (24 hours) Delivery up to 8 days (UK) Ian McIntyre tunes into the colourful history of a British institution that Lord Reith once called a waste of a precious wavelength

umphrey Carpenter does for British culture Aleksei Stakhanov did for for British culture what Soviet coalmining. He was the founder of a band called Vile Bodies which became resident at the Ritz. He presents radio programmes like In Tune and Night Vares. He plays the tuba, and he directs the Cheltenham Festival of Liverature. He writes children's books and biographies - sometimes more than one at a time.

Recently, he has been examining two very different national institutions - lifting Robert Runcie's archie piscopal skirts with one hand, snatching at the seven veils of the Third Programme and Radio 3 with the other. Not all has been revealed.

This is partly Carpenter's fault, partly the BBC's. Weidenfeld's publicity material says he had unlimited access to BBC archives: but that requires elaboration. The Written Archives Centre at Caversharn, which is open to outside researchers, contains papers conly up to the mid-1970s. Files from then on are retained in the BBC's Records and Programme Information Centre. which, as Ca rpenter economically

Loud and clear in Finland, at least

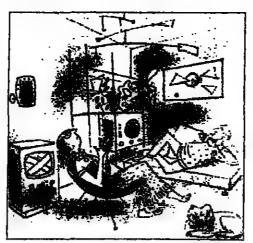
THE ENVY OF THE WORLD Fifty Years Of The BBC Third Programme and Radio 3 By Humphrey Carpenter Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 525 ISBN 0297817205

informs us, "is not open to users outside the BBC".

Although there is a cryptic rknowledgement to sumeone who kindly made it easy to investigate more recent papers". Carpenter in effect has been denied access to the files covering the last 20 years. For that period he has had to rely on press dippings, interviews with interested parties, and gossip the raw materials not of the historian but of the journalist, Lord Runcie, in his generous and poignant postscript to Carpenter's biography, makes a fair point about his heavy reliance on the into it for background. I find it reproduced for substance."

Carpenter chronicles the early years of the Third with a wealth of colourful anecdote. There was severe interference from a station in Latvia. There were reports that the programme could not be heard in Bloomsbury, although Sibelius was genting it loud and clear in Finland. During the Arctic winter of 1947, it came off the air entirely - to the indignation of Mrs Lily Thicknesse of Surrey: "Could not some of the music hall programmes have been cancelled instead of the Third Programme?", she wrote, "Or

must the lower orders alone be considered?" The lower orders, as it happens, were very much in William Haley's mind when he set up the



A "highbrow" Third Programme family, parodied in the Daily Sketch in 1956

Third Programme 50 years ago, but those carly days were not easy. Taking an important live relay from France was still a gamble: "You are quite likely to get hooked up to the wrong opera house." And

was a sense of beleaguerement. Harman Grisewood. the second Controller, was philosophical. "It was what I'd expected," he told Carpenter. We'd all been brought up by Reith to think that working men should appreciate Beethoven and that kind of thing, but I knew it was a lot of

Reith himself thought the whole idea of the Third was a lot of balls. He told the Beveridge Committee it was a waste of a precious wavelength. But Reith, like so many of the network's critics, past and present. didn't actually listen to it. If he had, he would have

heard Fred Hoyle's talks on the nature of the universe. The demand for scripts was so large that when Blackwell's put them out in book form, the first printing of 10,000 sold out in a week. It was Ventris announced he had deciphered the Linear B tablets from Knessos.

Drama did not initially make a strong impact. Leslie Stokes, the network's first presentation and publicity assistant, told Tyrone Guthrie that most BBC drama producers were "fit only for producing on Bognor Pier". Later, the Third played a part in the early careers of Beckett and Stoppard. though Carpenter observes that in each case it failed to pick up the crucial play which made the writer's reputation.

Carpenier owes his title The Envy Of The World, to Peter Laslett, a prominent defender of the network in the 1050s. Admired and copied across Western Europe, it had a naugher ride within the BBC. Haley apart, the only Director-General who showed more than a passing interest was Charles Curran, who had produced for it in the late 1940s. At the time of the Broad-

casting In The Seventies controversy over the proposed reshaping of radio, Ian Trethowan, the new Managing Director of Radio, drafted a riposte to the Campaign for Better Broadcasting which spoke of "a private playground for elitists in cerebral masturbation".

Carpenter writes that the BBC has never really faced up to the fact that if a network like Radio 3 is to do its job properly, it will, by definition. have only a very small audience. That is incontestable. He also rightly insists that in cultural broadcasting, as in all other areas of human activity, there has never

been a golden age. Not everyone has abandoned hope of a return to the old order. John Spurling, a 1960s Third Programme announcer, sketched for Carpenter his "millennial dream* for a restored Third -"tough, experimental, elitist, scholarly, argumentative, unmissable,"

Ah, yes. "But that was in another country; and besides, the wench is

The author was Controller, Radio

Making a lesser splash



BIBLIOMANE

DR JOHNSON recognised the part that book-collectors can play in advancing scholarship, saying hat every m.an should collecteditions of one book systematically "and present it to a jublic library".

Mary Hyde Lady Eccles, is the world's formost Johnson collector, and hir munificence made possible he Hyde edition of The Leters of Samuel Johnson. Adding 52 letters to the canon. this is one of Oxford's most prestigious nitles of the decide, and this year it has been one the great bargains too - vailable, for the lucky ones, it as little as (80) for the five viumes.

But in an act of ese-maiesté. the editor. Bruce ledford, has omitted the lette numbers used in Oxford editions for a century. This reners useless references by number only in many books, including, often, the standard edition of Buswell's Life of Johnson (Oxford. six vols. 1934, rep. 171).

In his 1952 edition of the leners, R.W. Chaphan had scrupulously kept GiBirkbeck Hill's numbering from 60 years before, while intercalating nearly 500 new letters. Redford fails to supesede his edition one must have both.

INCIDENTALLY, if you are lucky enough to see Chap-man's book of essays written during his war service. The Portrait of a Scholar (Oxford, 1920), buy it, if only for a single maryllous sentence about his choice of what antiques to collect "One cannot pasily have be many speeds."

SING the Johnson, Reliford has goved on, and next month Yale will publish his hort study of Venice and the Grand Tour (520). He argues that the peripatedic finishing school for boys was thought an ambiguous blessing, for tourits came back with some terrifle foreign habits, and perhips diseases. Yet as anotler proud maritime state, Venile instilled a proper repecifor British liberties.

Beng mainly about the 18th century, this is a happy companin to John Pemble's Venice Rediscovered (Oxford). which is mainly about the 19th century. Pemble too is concernd with how Venice affected intellectual developments elsevhere. For instance, after Napileon had conquered the great trading republic, 298 rooms of archives were opend, and historians turned for the first time to letters and diplematic reports to see behind the "entrusted truth" of

prevous histories. Depite all the books about Venie. Pemble can still surprise-did you know that the city vas bombed in the First Worll War? - and I managed to read his book in Venice itself without dropping it in a

JIM MCCUE



Portrait of Renaissance acquisitiveness: The Money Lenders by Quentin Massy's (circa 1466-1530)

Rash

thinker

who is

in two

minds

expertise in linguistics gives

him the right to settle matters

by ex cathedra decree. Never-

theless, it is clear that, were he

to devote his intellectual pow-

ers to the philosphy of lan-

guage and mind, he would

have much to say. Unfortunately Chomsky no

longer has time for such

pursuits. He is much exercised

by the moral responsibility of

the intellectual, in a world

where power is in the wrong

hands. And the responsibility

of the intellectual, he informs

us, is to tell the truth, especial-

ly the unpalatable truth about

the society which produced

him. The fact that Chomsky

has not, in the past, told the

truth about communism is

well enough known, though

not to Chomsky. Still, this does

not disqualify him as a critic of

Western civilisation, and there

is no doubt that his intemper-

ate diatribes against the pre-

wailing political order are

received with rapturous ap-

plause wherever student radi-

cals enjoy the benefits of that

civilisation - including the

benefit, unknown in the re-

gimes which student radicals

tend to support, of listening to

intemperate diatribes against

the prevailing political order.

speechifying part of Powers

and Prospects, and in the

The vision offered in the

NOAM CHOMSKY is fam-

ous for his contributions to the

infant science of linguistics; he

is also famous for his denunci-

ations of America, its govern-

ment, its culture, its foreign

policy and its allies. The two

Chomskys are quite unrelat-

ed. The first writes clearly and

eloquently, with a scrupulous

respect for the principles of

The second writes a seeth-

ing and hectic prose, from

which little of substance can

be gleaned apart from the self-

intoxicated anger of the writer.

and which is marked by an

utterly unscrupulous attitude

to all arguments and opinions

other than Chomsky's own.

Both Chomskys appear in

Powers and Prospects (Pluto

Press, £40, ISBN 0 7453 1107 5)

which begins with a lucid

overview of Chomskian lin-

guistics and cognitive science.

surface order of a sentence

derives from a "deep shruc-

ture". The apparent grammar

should be distinguished from

the underlying syntax, con-tained in the "transformation

rules" which generate ser 1-

tences from structures that and

common to all human brains.

These structures are the lin-.

guistic "universals", stored in a

the human brain by a long

theory seems more like an

ambitious programme for a

future science than the outline

of a present one. But the work

of Chomsky and his followers

has made the picture more

precise, and the belated dis-

govery that Frege, Russell and

Tarski had already produced

transformational grammars

— albeit for artificial lan-

guages - has given a renewed

impetus to Chomskian

Chomsky, who long ago

ceased to be a cautious think-

er, has not learnt all the

lit guistics.

Stated thus crudely, the

process of evolution.

According to Chomsky, the

scientific discourse.

Pluto Press, £35, ISBN 07453

1138 5). is more or less indistin-

guishable from that espoused

by the 19th-century anarchists and their Bolshevik disciples.

According to Chomsky we must work for a world without

power and domination. in

which nobody is oppressed by

anybody else, and in which

liberty, equality and fraternity

are the ruling principles. But to achieve this result we need

to oppress the oppressors -

and this means using the

power of the State to break the

capitalists, the ruling elites, the multinationals, the hold-

ers of property. To demolish

power, therefore, we must first

increase it, by transferring

power from private hands to

the centralised bureaucracy.

This bureaucracy, being con-

trolled by Chomsky and his

fans, will use power for the

IT IS just possible that

Chomsky has had time to

study the invariable result of

this way of thinking, whether in Russia, China, Vietnam,

Cambodia, or modern Africa.

But his criticisms of actual

utopian experiments are mut-

ed at best, and seem to be

included in order to prove how

fair-minded Chomsky is. It

requires courage, Chomsky

constantly implies, to expose

the lies and subterfuges of

capitalist power. For, as every-

one knows, the media and the

intellectual establishment in

America are devoted to a huge

cover-up operation, designed

to conceal the crimes of Ameri-

ca and its allies.

public good.

Of objects and desire

his book, subtitled "A New History of the Renais-sance", deals with traffic in and acquisition of worldly goods during that period, and it starts with a discussion of the worldly goods depicted by Carlo Crivelli in his famous painting of the Annunciation, in the National Gallery in London.

The choice of picture is excellent, since the composition is packed with fascinating items, not solely of European manufacture, recorded by the artist with fierce precision. Among them is the Virgin's bed, a piece of furniture commonly seen in Renaissance depictions of the subject. Unfortunately, Professor Jardine supposes it to be a table. She also believes that the painter's home town was Ascoli Piceno: Crivelli was a Venetian, as he takes care to stress

in this very picture by adding to his signature the adjective "Veneti". Of course, it would be wrong imply that a large, bold and complex undertaking, as represented by this book, is invalidated by a small mistake or two about a work of art by someone not a specialist in art history. A mass of material is freshly assembled here, with unusual, absorbing emphases, and with constant, admirable clarity of style. But the book is devoid of notes. It has only a single, all-purpose and slightly off-beat bibliography, unlinked to individual chapters; it is hard for the general reader, intrigued by a reference or eager to check some fact, to know how to pursue the

But these details need not trouble the majority of readers, and almost anyone interested in the RenaisMichael Levey

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sance will gain from reading the book. Despite a very different subject-matter, it appears in concept to be a by-product of Simon Schama's brilliantly accomplished and welldocumented volume, The Embarrassment of Riches (a book to be found in the present one's bibliography). Perhaps it is rather cool of the jacket to announce Professor Jardine's work as a new "History" of the Renaissance, but what we have in Jardine's book is a new and highly rewarding approach to the

It gets away from standard culturhistory, as also markedly from standard art history. If occasionally the main emphasis grows blurred. and the author is distracted from her chief concern, much of the book focuses, in lucid detail, on the nature of goods exchanged, how they were obtained, and how valued, with illuminating effect. Supporting the text throughout are apposite illustrations, often of recondite items, from astrolabes to pages from account books. This is the material from which the culture was woven, and it is pertinent to be reminded that in that world a commodity such as pepper might rank as at least as valuable as a painting.

Particularly stimulating, indeed provocative, is the author's discussion of acquisitiveness as manifested in magnificence and ostentation, although I feel she is a little harsh about the motives of men like Federigo da Montefeltro, in whom a genuine love of the new book-learning nasy have co-existed with a love of the sumptuous. And one must rementiber that a taste for rich jewels, say, was no novelty. Already, in the 12th century. Abbot Suger had purred over his accumulated gems admittedly to actorn the church of St Denis), acquired from the collec-

tions of English kings.

Notably to be saluted in Professor Jardine's survey is its impressive range. She not only achieves a firstrate balance between southern and northern Europe, rightly allotting full space to the North, but she gives most welcome attention to an often neglected geographical area, that of the Ottoman Empire. Once treated in conventional history as simply a hostile fact of life, it is here shown to and to have had its own artistic momentum. Both text and illustrations skilfully and vividly bring home to the reader the fact that Istanbul too enjoyed a renaissa.nce.

The book's jacket deserves a final word. Effectively utilising a portrait by the gifted Netherlandish painter. Gossaert, it provides a lasting image of the Renaissance merchant, there engaged in writing but with head raised, subjecting the spectator to cold scrutiny (no chance of a loan, seems the message). This memorable but unknown individual stands for a ubiquitous, significant yet seldom celebrated type, something of a hero of the age and one who, after this book, can no longer be

Leader lost

7 hen John Smith died vived of another Labour leader robbed by fate of the chance to rule. Hugh Gaitskell stands in the front rank of the finest Prime Ministers Britain never had, but he is scarcely known now to anyone under 40.

When he died in 1963 he left Labour poised for government after 12 years of painful opposition during which he had fought relentlessly to modern-

ise his party. Brian Brivati succeeds in capturing the contradictory qualities of the Wykehamist who won the loyalty of Durham's miners, the rationalist damned as a "desiccated calculating machine" who was still capable of rousing conference rhetoric and the ethical collectivist who found comfort in the arms of a high Tory hostess.

Brivati characterises the conflict between the two sides of Gaitske'll's personality as a struggle for supremacy between two Oxford influences. the Epicurean don Maurice Bowra and his undergraduate contemporary, the earnest socialist Evan Durbin; the tension Brivati delineates helps explain how Gaitskell could inspire the devoted loyalty of Labour's most talented postwar generation. Gaitskell was accused, like

Tony Blair, of running the The issue that Chomsky people's party from his North London dinner table: but unraises - whether crimes comlike Blair, although he operatmitted by friendly powers are ed from an elite base, he to be exposed as vigorously as crimes committed by foes - is enjoyed a close relationship with every part of the Labour too important to be discussed in this adolescent way. Even if movement. From his constituyou can get through these selfents in Leeds South to trade righteous speeches without union leaders such as Arthur Deakin and Sam Watson and constant recourse to the vomissory, you will not be the the pupils he taught as a WEA

the manner of the late John

just two years ago Nevertheless, that feeling memories were reacross class was not reflected in cordiality across Labour's factional barriers. From provoking Bevan's resignation in 1951 over defence expenditure to his inspirational cry to "fight, fight and fight again" against his party's unilateralists, Gaitskell succeeded in keeping Labour in Britain's political mainstream by facing

down his party's Left. A child of empire, Gaitskell always believed Britain should play a world role and it

Michael Gove

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was that conviction as well as a desire to unite his party against pro-European Macmillan that inspired him to invoke "a thousand years of history" in his 1962 conference speech to turn Labour against Common Market membership. As the modern Labour Party grapples with the difficulties of defining a progressive agenda, it might do well to consider the courage of Gaitskell in recognising that it was in Britain's history, not foreign futures, that real inspiration

Brian Brivati's book, although not as respectful as Philip Williams's 1979 biography, is sympathetic and, at times, very attractively written. The occasional inelegancy and inaccuracy are more than made up for by Brivati's energy and skill in reacquainting us with the man he calls

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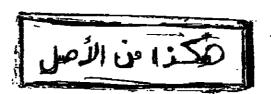
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Simon Wilde on the West Indian held in higher esteem by club than by country

Simmons a prized asset relishing the appreciation

f you pretend to be, or to have been, something special in Caribbean cricket, there was only one place to be last night: the Pegasus hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, where the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) held a banquet in honour of its retired Test players and Tothers who have made significant contributions to West Indies cricket over the years".

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One all-rounder whose presence was not required spent the evening thousands of miles away in the less exotic surroundings of the Leicestershire village he has made his home. where he probably wasted little time contemplating the gilded gathering. His thoughts will have been trained on helping his adopted county acquire the 11 points they need from their last match to secure the champion-

ship.
Phil Simmons's talents are not as highly regarded in the Caribbean as they might be but Leicestershire appreciate they have

got something very special indeed. His team-mates are adamant that, when it comes to the existing crop of overseas players, they possess "the

'He is a great team man," Adrian Pierson, the Leicestershire off spinner, said yesterday, "He does not care about his personal performance as long as the team does well. To say such a thing sounds like a cliche, but in Phil's case it is not."

In fact. Simmons has enjoyed remarkable success, unlike in his first season with the club in 1994, when his colleagues were no less generous in their praise. He has scored 1,000 runs and taken 50 wickets in the championship alone and is the first man to perform such a "double" since the competition switched exclusively to four-day

"He has filled in superbly with the ball when Alan Mullally has been away with England, taking some big wickets, and generally asserted his authority when it was most needed," Pierson said. "But whatever he does, he is always humble about it. I can remember once when he wanted me to autograph a bat for someone but would not disturb me

because I was eating my lunch." Also to be taken into account are the invaluable technical and strategic ideas he has floated and his sheer enthusiasm for the game. He lives, sleeps and eats cricket, and when he is around, so do Leicestershire, fired by the enthusiasm of their giant Trinidadian and the thrill that winning creates.

'He does not care about his personal performance as long as the team does well'

When a club boasts such an asset, the debate about the value of overseas players at county level, such as the one held by the Cricketers' Association at its annual meeting on Tuesday, seems much less confused. Pierson, for one, is in no doubt. "However much Leicestershire are paying Phil, he is worth twice that to us. How on earth can West Indies leave him out of their

How on earth indeed, but they might soon be doing so on a long-term basis. The WICB is using the gathering in Jamaica to discuss wholesale changes to the structure of Caribbean cricket, including the future of its players in county

It is toying with putting its leading players on year-round contracts that would prevent them agreeing to lucrative but tiring assignments in England. Even if it balks at the cost of this, a probable extension of the Caribbean season into June will make it less likely that counties will be prepared to employ players available to them for so little of the season. Though he still badly wants to play for West Indies, Simmons alone has already formally agreed to return to Leicestershire for the next two years, which shows clearly enough where he thinks his future

If counties do steer away from West Indians in future, it will be to the benefit of cricketers from other climes — especially, perhaps, Paki-stan, who have a clutch of players who toured England this summer

eager to try their luck here - but may be a loss to the counties as a whole. West Indians have served them exceptionally well since the registration rules were opened up in 1968. Simmons is one of eight West indians employed by

the 18 counties this year and two years ago he was one of 13. And if Leicestershire win the title, he will be the third West Indian in four years to help his county to the championship, after Haynes with Middlesex, in 1993, and Lara with Warwickshire, in 1994.

West Indians have helped 16 of the last 28 championship winners to their titles, a contribution no other country can remotely match. South Africa come next, having provided men for eight championship winning sides. Australia, whose board has en-

couraged its players to rest rather than play during the English season, have played a part in only three successful championship campaigns — one of them, Graeme McKenzie, helping Leicestershire to their first title in 1975.



Graveney seeking support of players

DAVID GRAVENEY, general secretary of the Cricketers next month to discover whether his members will agree to him attempting to succeed Raymond Illingworth as chairman of the England

Graveney believes he can combine the two roles and has the support of Tim Curtis, the association's outgoing chair-man. Curtis forced Graveney to withdraw from a head-tohead contest with Illingworth last March but admitted at this week's annual meeting of the association that his attitude had changed.

Delegates from each county will now discuss the situation with their players before a formal vote is taken at a meeting of the executive in

Mike Gatting, an ally of Graveney's, is the associa-tion's new president, the first playing member to hold the post. He succeeds Jack Bannister, the author and commentator. Matthew Fleming, of Kent, takes over from Curtis, who has served as chairman for seven years.

"A final decision on David will be made before he goes away on the England A tour on October 23," Curtis said. "But my own view has changed from earlier this year. David's vision of how the job will be done, should he be appointed, is very different from how Ray Illingworth did it. He sees it as a convener's role, a predominantly organisational one, with management and coaching of the England team totally separate.

"Under his proposals, he would not be in a salaried post and, in fact, the Test and County Cricket Board would have to compensate the Cricketers' Association for lost

Sri Lanka spinners

turn Test screw

THE Sri Lanka spinners. Muttiah Muralitharan and Jayantha Silva, captured four

wickets apiece as Zimbabwe

collapsed to 141 all out at tea

on the first day of the second

Test in Colombo yesterday. Sri Lanka were 86 for three in reply before a third and final stoppage for rain with 13 overs remaining.

Zimbabwe, beaten by an innings in the first Test, were

119 for two before Muralitharan, the off spinner, and

Silva, the left-arm slow

bowler, engineered a collapse.

ed to bat on another bare pitch

after winning the toss at the

Sinhalese Sports Club, started

the slide after adding 65 for the

third wicket with Grant Flow-

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The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by September 16. Overseas players

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INTERACTIVE Team Cricket enters its last week, with Mr P. Schofield, of Bolton, retaining the lead from two of Mr J. Eaton's teams. Mr Eaton had led for much of the summer before being overhauled last week. Mr Schofield's team, Scoffshire A, has garnered him 19,921 points in total, 62 points clear of Mr Eaton's second-placed Eatons Goats team.

Mr Schofield has changed his team 28 times over the season — as all the leading players in ITC

have — and his team now contains only two of the players in Mr Eaton's second-placed team: Graham Gooch, the Essex batsman, and Philip Tufnell, of Middlesex. Mr Schofield's full team is: A J Hollioake (Surrey), M P Maynard (Glamorgan), T M Moody (Worcestershire), G A Gooch (Essex), G P Thorpe (Surrey), D R Brown (Warwickshire), R J Rollins (Essex), D Gough (Yorkshire), S J E Brown (Durham), P C R Tufnell (Middlesex), A R Caddick (Somerset).

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nearly three hours of solid resistance, was ended by Muralitharan, who had him caught at slip as the innings folded within an hour of Campbell's dismissal. Muralitharan finished with four for 40 off 20 overs, and Silva four for 16 from 10.1 overs. Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg spinner, then gave them some hope when he picked up the prized wickets of Jayasuriya, who had scored 41 off

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF only 46 balls, including a six and six fours, and de Silva, for 16. Strang finished the day with figures of two for eight off EVEN OVERS.

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Rockies are routed as Nomo hits new peak

By Keith Blackmore

NOMOMANIA, the baseball phenomenon that has periodi-cally swept the United States and Japan since 1994, reap-peared at hurricane force in Colorado this week. There, at Coors Field stadium in Denver, Hideo Nomo, the Japanese pitcher who has become a superstar in the American Major Leagues, pitched a no-hitter as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Colorado Rockies 9-0.

Nomo. 28, left the Kintetsu Buffaloes in the Japanese Pacific League three years ago to try his luck in Los Angeles and has never looked back. Last season he was voted rookie of the year this vears of service in the highly competitive but inferior Japanese leagues being overlooked), and this year he has helped to carry the Dodgers to the leadership of the National League West

The no-hitter - a complete game in which no batter reaches base on a hit - is a rarity: this was only the third this season. It was Nomo's first and was followed eagerly by his fans in Japan, where his games are always shown live. "He doesn't talk much, but I think he's a good ambassador. [think Japanese are proud to see him doing so well," Masami Hase, a 37year-old office worker who watched the game on a giant television screen in a shopping mall in Ginza, said.

Perversely, two of the nohitters this season have come against the Rockies, the most powerful hitting team in the National League. This was the first to be thrown in Coors Field, which since opening two years ago has become known as a hitter's paradise, partly, it is claimed, because of the thin air in Denver. It was the 23rd no-hitter in Dodgers history and the tenth since the team moved from

Brooklyn to LA in 1958. The Cleveland Indians, losers in the World Series last year, are the first team to qualify for the play-offs this season. Their victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday made them champions of the American League Central for the second year running. RUGBY UNION: DALY COMES NORTH TO JOIN GROWING BAND OF FOREIGN IMPORTS

Prestige of grand-slam tour sought by Australia

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

YOU have to admire Australian persistence. If they do not get their grand-slam tour to Great Britain and Ireland this autumn, it will not be for want of trying. Yesterday they took a third bite at the touring cherry and offered yet another combination of dates on which they might play England at Twickenham, and thus meet all four home unions.

If, however, they have received no positive response from the four home unions tours committee within a week, they will not try again." "it's the prestige of a grand-slam tour, that's why we're so eager to play England," Greg Thomas, the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) spokesman,



Jones: Harlequins link

ers can remember for always. We're still confident of organising suitable dates but it's now up to the home unions

to decide. The fact that Australia would share in an occasion when a capacity crowd would produce gate receipts of around £2 million has been played down as a motive for the fixture - nor would it necessarily matter to them that on both proposed dates Heineken Cup matches are

due to be staged, the second of them the competition's semifinals, in which English clubs would hope to be involved.

That alone would affect the readiness of the clubs to give up their players to a further international weekend. The possibility of Australia playing an England XV drawn from outside the first and second-division clubs, if the rift between the Rugby Football Union and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs is maintained, may not have been contemplated. The latest suggestion is an international on November 2

or November 16, with the match already scheduled for those days (Combined Scottish Districts in Glasgow or Ulster at Ravenhill respectively) moving to December 4, a vacant midweek date between the international with Wales and the gala date against the Barbarians. "Surely there is no reason for anyone to knock back this time," John O'Neill, the ARU chief execu-

tive, said, with an optimism

that is less than justified.

Meanwhile, two international prop forwards are set to swap countries: Tony Daly, the last of whose 41 caps for Australia came during the 1995 World Cup, will play for Saracens' second XV this weekend to begin a two-year contract with the north London club. Earlier this year, in the Super 12 tournament, Daly was playing for Queensland, which is where Peter Clohessy, the Ireland tighthead prop, is headed.

Clohessy, who is under suspension until November after stamping incident during Ireland's game with France last Pebruary, has been in touch with John Connolly, the Queensland coach, and has agreed a five-month contract beginning early next year. "I feel it will do me good to start again in a new environment."



Clohessy, the Ireland prop, intends to make a fresh start with Queensland next year

Clohessy, from Young Munster, said.

Because he also holds an Irish passport, Daly is able to play immediately for Saracens, a situation that would not apply to the two outstanding New Zealand players linked with Harlequins, Zinzan Brooke and Michael Jones. As matters stand, both would be required to serve a 190-day residential qualification before playing in domestic competitions, and neither has indicated that their

international days are behind

"We are speaking to many players but there is no contract on the table," Richard Best. the Harlequins director of rugby, said. English clubs with money available — which includes both Harlequins and Saracens - have been bornbarded with requests for places from southern-hemisphere players.

There is no doubt that both Brooke -- whose brother, Robmake acute judgements about the balance between international stars and home-grown talent. Hariequins have al-

in, has also been linked with

English clubs - and Jones

would be tremendous draw-

cards, but both are back-row

forwards and clubs must

ready nine back-row players in their contracted squad, including the France flanker. Laurent Cabannes, and the ambitious England A player,

Kent bid farewell to two stalwarts

KENT have decided to release Mark Benson, the former captain, and Alan Igglesden, the former England fast bowler. Both players have one year remaining on their contracts but neither has played first-class cricket this scason because of injury. Benson, 38, made his debut in 1980 and played 292 first-class matches, scoring more than 18,000 runs. He was appointed captain in 1991 but resigned recently and faces another knee operation next month after

sustaining an injury playing football in pre-season training.

Igglesden, 32 next month, has played only seven first-class matches and 13 one-day games in the past two years, missing the start of this season due to a lower-back problem. followed by further injury and illness.

☐ Durham have left Darren Blenkiron, the 22-year-old lefthanded batsman, out of their side for the championship match at Derby today for disciplinary reasons. He is alleged to have been involved in an incident in which a club car suffered damage. The club has promised a statement today after an internal inquiry.

Robertson disciplined

BADMINTON: Nathan Robertson has been dropped from the England squad travelling to two international events in October for allegedly breaching tough new rules on drinking, imposed by the coach, Steve Baddeley, Robertson, 19, who was this week included in the England party to meet China in November, is alleged to have been observed by Baddeley drinking alcohol at a party during a tournament in Perth at the weekend. The Nottingham-based player has been dropped from the England squads entered for the Dutch Open and the Russian Open, although he will still attend their training sessions.

Amateur team named

GOLF: Barclay Howard and Gary Wolstenholme, the Walker Cup players, along with Michael Brooks, the Scottish champion, and the talented Irish golfer, Keith Nolan, will represent Great Britain and Ireland in the World Amateur team championship for the Eisenhower Trophy in the Philippines in November. The team will acclimatise by playing first in the Hong Kong Amateur championship, before travelling to Manila. GREAT BRITAIN AND BRELAND: M Brooks (Cartule), B Howard (Cockreme Castus), K Notan (Bray), G Wolsterholme (Bristo) and Ciston). Non-playing capitain: C T Brown Reserver. J Famegan (Milliows), W Bladon (Kenilworth).

Dailey to step down

CYCLING: Doug Dailey, the national coach for the past ten years, said yesterday that he will not be seeking the renewal of his contract, which ends on October 31. His last significant job for the British Cycling Federation will be the selection of the men's and women's teams for the two world championships in Lugano next month, the road race and time-trial. "Ten years in the hot seat is enough for anyone." Dailey said. "It's the right time now to make way for someone to bring a new and fresher approach."

Bray surges into final

REAL TENNIS: Chris Bray, the Petworth professional. showed outstanding form to beat Jonathan Howell, the professional at Oratory School, in the semi-final of the European Open singles championships at Fontainebleau. Bray dropped just one game in the opening two sets, hitting 18 winning forces to the declars. He also led 3-1 in the third set, only for the durable Howell to fight back strongly and take it 6-4. From 5-5 in the fourth, Bray raised his game once again, producing two spectacular winners to seal the match.

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BOWLS

Yorkshire able to mix and match

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

ONE of the most interesting developments in bowls over the past few years has been the creation of mixed tournaments, which challenge the lingering notion that the game should be played on a strictly

segregated basis.

Bowls enjoyed a boom in the Edwardian era, and much of the chauvinism detectable in the game today can be traced to those days when men's clubs — of all kinds — were all the rage. These days, however, hus-

bands and wives tend to take up bowls together, and are looking for a competitive pas-Although the final stages of the All-England mixed fours championship at Blaby, Leicestershire, were littered with numerous husband-andwife partnerships, many leading players entered the event,

which was won yesterday by a

strong club quartet from
Nafferton in Yorkshire,
skipped by Nigel Brignall, the
England junior international.
Jean Drury, June Hartley
and Mark Walton helped Brignall to chalk up an easy 26-il win over an Essex quartet skipped by Jim Wilson, a retired stenographer, in the semi-finals, before the Nafferton team came back from 8-3 down to beat Sue Lee. Hazel Sadler, Marty Long and Bryan Sadler, of North Walsham, Norfolk, 20-11, in

the final. Brignall's team dug in after their unpromising start, and had levelled the scores at 11-11 by the sixteenth, after which they scored the last nine shots in four ends, and North Walsham threw in the towel with one end still left to

Sadler's team had finished strongly in their semi-final, scoring the last seven shots to beat a Devon side skipped by John Evans, the former Torquay United footballer,

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4.40 SOTHEBY'S HANDICAP

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Trial looks like a stayer and is fairly weighted. However, it would not be no surprise to see the progressive General Glow improve again now that he steps up in distance. He stayed on well at Haydock and likes RICHARD EVANS

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Beverley form with For Old

Times Sake. Snap Crackle Pop

put up an improved display

behind Head Over Heels, despite reportedly being in season. However, Joza creat-

ed a favourable impression when justifying strong market support on her debut at Wind-

sor and can take advantage of

the likely lead set by Osomental to cope with the

4.10: A form line involving

Chris's Lad gives Dirab the

beating of Roseberry Avenue. but the latter was unlucky in

running at Sandown and Lady Herries's runner could

triumph. Despite disappoint-

ing on his only previous

attempt at this trip. Mock

step up in class.

High esteem

Joza to confirm

early promise

CHANNEL 4

2.40: In a race best watched, it

may be worth forgiving Cana-

dian Fantasy a disappointing effort at Hamilton. The Lear Fan cost finished last of four

there but previously had post-ed three decent efforts. Jack-

son Falls was backed at long

odds on his debut when finishing a good second to Pun at

York two months ago. He

should appreciate today's

longer trip. As-Is looks an

3.10: Despite carrying top weight, Insider Trader is far from out of it. He was first

home on the far side at Doncaster six days ago (Pan-ther behind) and previously

only just got beaten at Chester

off a lib lower mark. Rich

Glow is a course and distance

specialist but usually runs

Able Sheriff's latest run can

be safely ignored (bad draw and sticky ground) and has

sound claims judged on his

previous second to Brecongill

Lad. However, it may pay to side with Pharaoh's Joy, a

progressive three-year-old filly

whose best effort was fourth

in a big field at Salisbury two

3.40: Conspiracy is the form

choice as she now meets

Perpetual on 23th better terms

for a two-length beating at

Chepstow last month. She

should also reverse earlier

weeks ago.

best in smaller fields.

interesting newcomer.

WILLIAM HILL yesterday installed Mark Of Esteem the 2-1 favourite for the Oueen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday week. Other prices: 3-1 Ashkalani, 4-1 Bosra Sham, 8-1 First Island. Spinning World, 10-1 Charnwood Forest, 20-1 Alhaarth, Soviet Line, 25-1 Shaanxi, 33-1 bar.

The same







LADBROKE SPRINT R'CAP

5 furlangs, Ayr 3.10pm, Live on CH4 TV. 10/1 Insider Trader 16/1 Able Sheriff 16/1 Amron 10/1 Pageboy 10/1 Stephensons Rocket 16/1 Goretski 12/1 Camionneur 20/1 Just Dissident 20/1 Leading Princess 12/1 Grand Chapeau

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RACING: CECIL-TRAINED FILLY EARNS 6-1 GUINEAS QUOTE

Sleepytime's fine debut inspires classic dreams

By JULIAN MUSCAT

HENRY CECIL already laden with an embarrassment of riches with his juvenile fillies, introduced possibly the best of the lor at Sandown yesterday when Sleepytime dazzled in winning the EBF Grass Wid-

ows' Maiden Stakes. Sleepytime came into the race a 12-1 shot for next year's 1,000 Guineas. She emerged from it at half the price with Coral after a five-length dismissal of Tough Act that bore no resemblance to her superiority. Pat Eddery spent the last furlong checking for non-existent dangers as the filly - a strongly-made daughter of Royal Academy — devoured the ground with her powerful

Cecil was unable to contain his enthusiasm for his latest protégé, who started at 100-30 on. "She's got a very good turn of loot," the trainer said. "She has worked with other good ones at home and goes well. I

potentially among the best." Rarely does one find Cecil in such positive demeanour after winning a humble maiden. but he went further. "We will have to consider the Fillies' Mile at Ascot," he said, "If she

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CAUTION (5.10 Ayr) NB: Cumbrian Maestro

(4.40 Avr) goes the right way, we could

see a lot more of her." Sleepytime will have to be exceptional to prove the best filly stabled at Warren Place. Reams Of Verse looked desirable enough after winning the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster last week; she may clash with her stablemate at Ascot. And Cecil introduced another name into the equation when

do like her very much - she is he said of Fleet River, an easy winner at Goodwood last month: "She has ability but would need soft ground to be on a par with Reams Of Verse.

> The only point of contention surrounding Sleepytime is that her full-brother, Ali-Roy-al, is more effective at seven furlongs than a mile. This was a slowly-run maiden, but any doubts about her stamina will be senied at Ascot. One thing is certain: those who accepted short odds about Dazzle for next year's fillies' classic will

not sleep easily after this. On the colts' front, Brian Mechan has targeted the Middle Park Stakes for Easycoll, an impressive winner of the Flying Childers Stakes over five furlongs at Doncaster last week. "He is in the Gold Trophy at Redcar," the trainer said, "but he deserves to go in against the best. It will cost £12,000 to supplement him but we are not worried about the extra furiong."

3.10 LADBROKE SPRINT HANDICAP

four lengths adrift of Compton Place at York last month but handsomely turned the tables last week, prevailing by 12 lengths from the same opponent in the hands of Michael Tehhurt. "York was a hiccup and Michael will now keep the ride in the Middle Park." Meehan said. He added that Royal Amaretto, winner of a Chepstow maiden last week. was in line for the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury next

Michael Roberts, off the track since fracturing a wrist eight weeks ago, made a winning return at Yarmouth yesterday when landing the Golden Jubilee Challenge Trophy Handicap on the Clive Britain-trained Secret Aly. Roberts, who rode out for the first time since his accident

only on Tuesday, said: "I didn't really dream of coming back with a winner but this horse has quite a lot of



Sleepytime is eased down by Eddery after making a winning first appearance at Sandown yesterday

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2.10 Rivonia 2.40 Brave Montgomerie 3.10 Pageboy

3.40 Conspiracy 4.10 ETTERBY PARK (nap) 4.40 Stormless 5.10 Test The Water

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM **YOTE JACKPOT MEETING**

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 motherwell bridge support machillan nurses SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,948: 51) (16 runners)

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2.40 HOLIDAY IN AYRSHIRE & ARRAN EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,581, 71) (7 runners)

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Lawrence urges Wales to cap Hughes's revival

BOBBY GOULD, the Wales manager, should get a phone call from Lennie Lawrence, the Luton Town manager, in the not too distant future. After the initial pleasantries. Lawrence will recommend that Gould includes Ceri Hughes. the Luton midfield player, in his squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Hol-land in Cardiff on October 5.

Hughes, 25, has not played for his country since the 1-1 draw against Albania in Tirana ten months ago, which concluded a woeful European championship campaign for Wales. Yet, after his vibrant display in Luton's I-0 win over Derby County on Tuesday. in their Coca-Cola Cup secondround, first-leg tie. Lawrence had no hesitation in putting

his name forward again. Though still suspect of temperament and occasionally anonymous, Hughes appears to have finally got the message. "He was the best player out there," Lawrence said. We've been on at him to produce that level of perfor-

will appear before the Scottish

Football Association (SFA) on

October 14 after the sendings-

off of four of their players at

The date for the disciplin-

ary inquiry has been set after

the arrival of a report by

Gerry Evans, the match refer-

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Hearts will be asked to

explain the actions of both the

players and Chris Robinson.

the chairman, who appeared

at the side of the pitch at one

stage. Pasquale Bruno, David

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Ritchie were all shown the red

card by Evans in the course of

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Robinson has already been

which Rangers won 3-0.

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Ibrox on Saturday.

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got to maintain that consistency, play 50 games and not get suspended or injured. He can then talk about being a proper player again."

Hughes, born in Pontypridd, is in his eighth season at Kenilworth Road and has seen many contemporaries, including John Hartson, Mark Pembridge and Scott Oakes, move onwards and upwards. "He's been here a long time and perhaps it has affected him, seeing the other lads overtake him," Lawrence

"Ceri needs constant management but it's now down to him to reproduce this kind of form on a regular basis. It certainly merits a call to Bobby Gould."

Derby were the only FA Carling Premiership side to lose on Tuesday, with Luton, from the Nationwide League second division, striking the decisive blow in the 26th minute through Julian James, who scored his first goal for 18

However, Blackburn

attempt to explain his pres-

ence on the touchline. The

four players have not yet been

asked to appear before the

disciplinary committee, but

SFA procedure means that

could happen at a later date.

An SFA spokesman said:

We have received the report

from the referee. We will be

writing to Hearts to ask for

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All four players served

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sions on Tuesday when Hearts beat Ceitic in the Coca-

ning 2-1 at Griffin Park. It was their first victory in seven attempts this season, with early goals from Garry Flitcroft, his first for the club, and Chris Sutton, his third in as many games, alleviating some of the gloom at the Premiership's bottom Nicky Forster replied for Brentford shortly before the interval, but a series of squandered chances by his team-

fortable time by Brentford, the

previously-unbeaten second-division leaders, before win-

mates proved costly in the second half. Dave Webb, the Brentford manager, at least had the consolation of another vigorous display from his young side. "I reckon some of Blackburn's players out there are

probably on a yearly wage as much as all my staff put together," Webb said. "Yet we competed well, kept going and could almost have pinched it with a bit more luck and better We always get a lot of scouts here watching our lads.

I wish someone would make me an offer I couldn't refuse." With that, he departed, add-ing: "I'm just going to see Jack Walker [the wealthy Black-burn owner] to see if he wants to give me £25 million."

Blackburn's long-awaited success was clouded by injuries to Henning Berg, the Norway full back, and George Donis, the Greece winger. Berg sustained a bruised thigh and Donis bruised ribs, with both already doubtful for the Premiership game against Everton at Ewood Park on Saturday. Keith Curle, the Wolver-

hampton Wanderers central defender, has visited a specialist in Leeds in an attempt to cure the calf and heel injuries that have blighted his £650,000 move from Manchester City in July. He has yet to start a game this season and, after experiencing a further setback in training this week, faces at least another fortnight on



Thorn, the Hearts defender, gets to grips with Di Canio during Celtic's Coca-Cola Cup defeat at Tynecastle

Celtic's cup defeat fans unrest

By Kevin McCarra

CELTIC supporters who were thrilled by the mercurial side assembled this season are beginning to discover that capricious footballers can also be self-destructive. The team beaten 1-0 by Heart of Midlo-thian at Tynecastle in the quarter-final of the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday has abruptly lost all of its vitality.
The game had always

looked likely to be a demanding one for the visitors, but the sterility of a squad crammed with attacking players was startling. Celtic's ineffectiveness came in a tie that saw Hearts lacking four defenders, who were suspended. As it was, the Edinburgh club cobbled together a sturdy team that included the former Wimbledon centre half. Andv

Celtic's difficulties have Thorn, who was signed on a been aggravated by the apparent leaking of the story to the With the players embroiled

in a dispute over bonus pay-ments, brooding Celtic fans may have reached some instpress, and yesterday Fergus McCann, the club's managing director, moved to restore order. "Somebody has his own ant conclusions about the causes of the insipidness, and agenda and is trying to cause Tommy Burns, the manager, did not quibble. "I cannot say disruption. We will deal with it internally," McCann said. The temperament of indiif these things had an effect, but I have no doubt some viduals is not the only difficulpeople will look at it that way,"

ty confronting Celtic, who are faced with an intimidating programme. After the home match with Dunfermline Athletic on Saturday, they fly to Germany for the return leg of their Uela Cup tie with Hamburg, having lost the home match 2-0. Then, on September 28. Celtic face Rangers in a Bell's Scottish League premier division match at Ibrox. It is possible that they will be out of Europe and lagging in the

Even jubilant clubs, how-

ever, have their anxieties. Dundee reacted to their unexpected 2-l victory over Aberdeen in the Coca-Cola Cup by reflecting that a trans-lation of such form to league football is necessary if they are to climb out of the first division. In the third of the quarter-finals. Dunfermline defeated Partick Thistle 2-0. ☐ The £51 million redevelopment of Hampden Park is now certain to be completed as nearly all the funding is in place. Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland. has announced grants from the Scottish Office, the European Regional Development Fund and the Glasgow Development Association that

Anderton draws comfort from **Preston test**

By PETER BALL

DARREN ANDERTON'S eagerness to be part of Glenn Hoddle's England plans is persuading him to put off a hernia operation as long as possible. Anderton came through a full game for the first time this season, against Preston North End in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night, scoring Tottenham Hotspur's goal in their !-!

draw. "I know the injury is re-stricting me a little bit." he said. "I am not playing as well as I can, but that was a lot better performance for me. It was the perfect test for me and it was nice to get that full game under my belt."

After missing most of last season with a groin injury. but returning in time for Euro 96, starting this season with another lingering problem was a bitter blow for Anderton. His performance at

Deepdale encouraged him.
"I'm hopeful I'll be OK for England consideration," he said. "I want to delay any operation for as long as possible — there are too many important games coming up for both Tottenham and England for me to miss out."

Anderton hopes to be fit for England's World Cup qualifying match against Poland at Wembley, on October 9, after missing the trip to Moldavia last month. Apart from Tottenham's FA Carling Premiership match with Everton which he missed, before Tuesday he had had to come off in every game he has played so far this season. "It's only towards the end of games that

I start aching," he said. How long Anderton will be able to delay an operation will depend on his progress over the next few weeks, and how the injury develops. "It's something I want to get right and sorted out with big games coming up for England," he said. "I will see how it goes. It's a difficult thing for me. I will have to see how it feels each day. At the moment it's not too bad, but I don't know how long I will be able to carry on without an operation.

"I have spoken to the manager about it, but when I decide it's right to do it, I will

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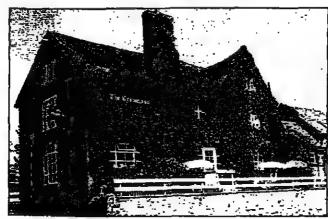
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the disagreement, the team

will now have recognised that,

in the wake of a defeat, their

case is sure to meet with an

unsympathetic hearing from

supporters. Who will pause to

consider the niceties of bonus-

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for example, Paolo Di Canio is

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New professionals need to keep sense of occasion if you will, to 1997 and England's first match in the five nations' championship on February I. The oppo-ments are Scotland and the

England team consists of W. no one has ever heard of. The professionals from Scotland win, naturally, but amateur England are not disgraced They think and most of the 65,000 spectators

this is all at Twickenham go home happy that about rugby. their annual picnic in the car park has poor souls' been preserved in aspic for another year. "Just like the good old

days," one brogued and Barboured Twickenham vet-On the same afternoon, two miles away, the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Limited (Eprue) XV. captained by Lawrence Dallaglio and boasting 14 other full England Club XV in front of a crowd of barely 5,000 at Wasps' new home ground at Loftus Road.

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Epruc's propaganda suggests that time is on the side of the rebels, that all they have to Carling leading out 14 players do is surround fortress Twickenham and starve the "old farts" into submission. But a

year later, they are still hammering on the gates, unaware that the five nations' champ-ionship, like Wimbledon, is not much about sport at all. It is an occasion, which is quite different.

"We had a brilliam day at Twickenham ... "Was it a good game?" "No, not really, old chap, but I met old Ponsonby-Smythe again. Hadn't seen him for years, so we had a good chat about school days ... The pros have not worked it out yet. They think this is all about rugby.

poor souls, about whether England can beat Australia, New Zealand or South Africa at the next World Cup, about standards and coaching and tactics and style.

It is not, any more than Wimbledon is about tennis. Much of the tennis played on the genteel lawns of the All England Club over the past decade has been as artistic and interesting as a tug of war. But who cares? Every ticket could he sold twice over. "Who did you see play?" "Well I saw Agassi for a set or two and Graf and Sampras and then we went to buy some souvenirs and have tea ... "But was the tennis any good?"
"Oh, no, I don't think so. Can't remember really, but it was such a lovely day ..." It is sport turned debutante's ball.

Darling, you look fabulous, Last weekend. I had the privilege of attending my first All-Ireland Gaelic football final in Dublin. There were 65,000 Irishmen celebrating

ANDREW LONGMORE



Sporting View

their Irishness and me desperately searching for some ancestral connection with Mayo or Meath, the two finalists. I decided to support Mayo because their colours - red and green - were more ap-

But the whole affair was a blissful throwback to the early days of association football when the players represented their community and their motivation stemmed from the fear of letting down family and friends, whole villages, towns and the county. "Ah, Sean, nice lad, but he lost us the 1996 All-Ireland final, you know." No wonder that the mental preparation of both sides at Croke Park would have done credit to athletes in the Olympic Games. Rugby union used to be like that, they tell me, about 12 months ago.

On Sunday, the result was desperately important, far too important for anyone to be paid to win or lose, but the pageantry and the celebration of the moment, of just being there, with the flags, the bands, the parade and the tales of derring-do, were much more important. At the end of a drawn game, the two teams

pealing and because they were trooped off back down the tunnel and the crowd spilt out into the corner pubs off Croke Park to chew over the game and renew hostilities for next

> There was no attempt to manufacture a result and everyone accepted it that way. Extra time or some spurious television-inspired shoot-out would

only cheapen the

efforts of the reams, make luck would only the decisive factor and elevate the cheapen winning or losing above the sense of their efforts' occasion. No. it was come back

same time, same place, in a formight to settle it properly, man for man. And if the Gaelic Athleric Association will benefit to the tune of another £1.4 million in gate receipts for the replay, the price of sporting tradition is an awful lot higher

The professional men of John Bryant is away

out soon enough if they try to tackle the barons of Twickenham on the battleground of the five nations' championship. When all the talking is done. the posturing complete, the

choice between watching England's finest on some alien football field or turning out to encourage a makeshift XV wearing the red rose at Twickenham will A shoot-out

be based not on the quality of the players - Kerry Pack-

er found that out in cricket - but on the underestimated sporting virtues of habit, custom and occasion. The car park picnic, if you

In their headlong rush towards a new age, the profes-sional clubs would be foolish paths of tradition.

HOCKEY

Rivals enlist recruits to challenge Hightown

BY ALLX RAMSAY

WITH the Olympics now no more than a distant memory - and not necessarily a pleasant one at that — the veterans of Atlanta return to action on Sunday to begin battle for the national league title, a cam-paign that will start, stop and stutter its way through the seven-month season.

For reasons best known to the All England Women's Hockey Association, the 24 teams will complete eight matches before the end of November and then have to wait until the end of February before playing competitively outdoors again.

It is hard to look beyond Hightown, Slough and Ips-wich as contenders for the league. They will also be the teams to beat in the cup. together with Sutton Coldfield, who traditionally make such a slow start to the season that the cup is the only silverware left within their

Slough have a new spring in their step thanks to the addition of some new players -Lucy Cope, Sarah Kelleher, Ashley Wallace and Jane Smith — and a new coach. After seven years, Ian Jen-nings and the former champions parted company at the end of last season and Slough have recruited John Shore, the Great Britain international, to guide them.

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lpswich, too, will have a new look as they take on Sutton Coldfield on Sunday. They have signed Vicky Sandall, who has not played league hockey for two years after a spell with Sutton fighting for a first-team place, and Kim van Erp, an unlikely acquisition from Amsterdam who will not make her league debut until the end of the month, but who has already made an impression in Ipswich's pre-season matches.

Hightown seldom see the need to change a winning formula. One of the steadiest clubs in the premier division, they begin the defence of their title against Clifton with only one new name on the team list - Helen Grant, the former England Under-21 striker, in the front line. The only other change is the absence of Jackie Crook who, at 36, has decided to retire.

Zülle, of Switzerland, left, who retained the overall lead, and his team-mate, Melchor Mauri, of Spain, race out the eleventh stage

King poised to rule over US challenge at Blenheim

EQUESTRIANISM

By Jenny MacArthur

MARY KING'S relentless run of success since Atlanta looks set to continue when she competes with King Solomon at the Blenheim Vauxhall Monterey International Horse Trials which begin today in the grounds of Blenheim Palace. Ninety-two horses are contesting the popular threeday-event in which, for the first time, horses will run in reverse order of merit in the cross country on Saturday.

Although the formidable list of entries includes Bruce Davidson, of the United States, a dual world champion, and two former Olympic-champi-ons — Mark Todd, of New Zealand, and Matt Ryan, of Australia - no partnership can match the credentials of King and the nine-year-old

King Solomon. In the past month the 34year-old national champion has won the Scottish championships on Star Appeal, the British Open on King William and the Burghley Horse Trials, also on Star Appeal. King Solomon's record is no less. impressive. He was runner-up at Le Lion d'Angers two years ago and won Compiègne last

He comes to Blenheim at the top of his form after winning the Advanced Ladies' section at Thirlestane in Scotland last month and finishing runnerup to King William in the British Open. "He's just very talented." King said. "He finds

each of the three phases easy." Few riders are more determined to topple King this weekend than Todd and Andrew Nicholson, members of the New Zealand Olympic bronze medal-winning team and second and third in the world rankings. Todd, having failed to complete Burghley on either of his two entries, is hoping for compensation with Lady Bamford's Vambi Charbonière - an improving nine-year-old. Nicholson, 35, has been

runner-up to King at Burgh-ley, Gatcombe and Com-piègne but hopes the inappropriately named Dawdle will reverse positions this week. The New Zealander makes a habit of riding difficult horses and Dawdle, a nine-year-old thoroughbred by Saunter, is no exception.

"He's a thug," Nicholson said. "He'll happily kick you in the stable and nap when you're out for a ride but so far he's been genuine once you're take on the cross country at Bramham in June — his first three-star event — but showed his true form in the British Open where he finished third.

Pippa Funnell, seeking a third Blenheim win, and Kristina Gifford, are also hoping to wipe out the memory of Bramham this weekend. Funnell, who broke her fourstar jinx at Burghley when she finished fourth on Bits And Pieces, is riding Anne Burnet's The Tourmaline Rose, who was twelfth at Blair last year but retired on the cross coun-

try at Bramham. Gifford, who rode two of the most impressive rounds of the day at both Gatcombe and Burghley, is riding Quart Glass, aged nine, who fell at Bramham in June.

There are no blemishes to date on William Fox-Pitt's new horse. Tawny Owl. The highly-rated eight-year-old had a double clear round at the two-star Maisons-Laffitte event in the spring and was third in the advanced at

Di Renzo takes stage with early break

MARCO DI RENZO, of Italy, made the first successful breakaway after 11 days of racing in the Tour of Spain to take the 197-kilometre eleventh stage of the race from Avila to Salamanca yesterday. in the final kilometre. Di Renzo surged ahead of Ignacio

Garcia Camacho, of Spain, his partner, after the two had started an early break at the 50-kilometre mark. For a time. the pack attempted to haul in the pair, who stretched their lead to nearly 13 minutes. But they eventually gave up the chase and were still more than eight minutes behind the leader 30 kilometres from the line, finally closing to within 44 minutes on provisional times.

It was Di Renzo's most important win and due re-ward after several earlier stages in which he had struggled to lead breakaways. All the earlier stages, apart from the time-trial on Tuesday, had

ended in mass sprints. Despite the Italian's success, however, Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, who finished down the field, retained the overall lead, with Miguel Induráin, of Spain, and Laurent Jalabert, of France, just over a minute behind in second and third places.

Several riders have pulled out, notably Francesco Cas-agrande, of Italy, who had ridden a bad time-trial on

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When you have a two-way finesse, there are often indicators as to which way to take it. This example is from the quarter-finals of this year's Hubert Phillips Cup, between Quibell and Brock.

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(1) Weak. The declarer was Raymond Brock. He ruffed the diamond lead in dummy and led the eight of spades to the king. He continued with a heart towards dummy - safe enough, as East would presumably have doubled Six Spades with a void heart. The reason for playing on hearts was they might be three-three, in which

case declarer would not need more than two club tricks; if hearts were not three-three, he wanted to get a count before tackling the clubs. West split his heart honours, Brock took the ace and returned to hand by playing the ten of spades to the queen. He then played a second heart. When West took the jack he was already end-

played. But as he could work

out that declarer must be

6-2-1-4. he did the best he could by playing a second diamond. Brock ruffed that in dummy with the ace of spades, and now had to decide who had the queen of clubs.

By now, West had turned up with two spades and five hearts. What was the diamond position? It was inconceivable that East could have as many as nine of them and only bid Three Diamonds. Hence West had at least four diamonds and so at most two clubs. Thus East had more clubs than West and that made the odds in favour of playing East for the queen. That was what Brock did, bringing home the contract.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

HEMULE a. A roebuck

b. A Greek accent c. Chickpea stew **JHOW**

b. A Chinese pot

a. A Euphrates punt

HETAERIO a. A brothel b. A fruit like a strawberry c. The Spartan Band

JULIENNE a. A floppy hat b. Carrot soup c. A country dance

WORD-WATCHING

pieces'

zevich is a great favourite with spectators. White: Jeroen Piket Black: Alexander Morozevich Amsterdam, August 1996 1. Catalan Opening Rd1 Nc3 10 a3 11 e4

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By Raymond Keene

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

England's fine start to the Chess Olympiad in Erevan.

Armenia, continued when the

men defeated Denmark 3-1 in

the second round. Russia have

seven points after two rounds.

with England on 62. The

England women's team beat

The last-placed player in the

Donner Memorial in Amster-

dam was the young Russian

grandmaster, Alexander Morozevich. Morozevich is noted

for the unbridled aggression

of his ideas and his games are

always entertaining. How-ever, as we can see from today's samples of his play.

this can lead not just to

remarkable victories but to

catastrophic and speedy de-

feats. Unsurprisingly, Moro-

Chess Olympiad

India 2-1.

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20 Qa4 21 d7 22 Qxa6 Bd4 Re2 Bx2+ 23 Kf1 resigns Diagram of final position

KEENE $ar{o}$ n CHESS

White: Loek van Wely Black: Alexander Morozevich Amsterdam, August 1996 2. Nimzo-Indian Defence

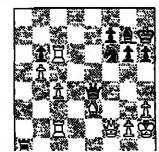
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Blanco - Martinez. Cuba 1996. White has the material advantage of rook for knight but his king lacks protection and the black pieces have assumed powerful outposts. How did Black now exploit the excellent activity of his



Captains call shots in battle of wits



Rankin: mind games

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MICKEY WALKER, of Europe, and Judy Rankin, of the United States, will be in the spotlight no less than their players in the Solheim Cup at St Pierre this weekend. The reasons for this will differ, however. While the 24 members of their teams will hit the shots, Walker and Rankin, the two captains, will call the

Suddenly, captaincy in team events in golf has become as important as playing. This is largely because of European successes at recent Ryder. Walker and Curtis Cups. Tony Jacklin started it in 1983, his first Ryder Cup as captain. when he demonstrated the art of hands-on captaincy to such good effect that a Europe team not significantly different captaining a team, any team, from that which had been for the first time and her crushed by nine points in 1981 this time lost by only one

United States captains, by contrast, have traditionally been less involved than their European counterparts because of the strength of their teams. Their viewpoint was expressed by an American captain of recent memory who said: "I've got 12 of the best players in the world. Who am I to tell them what to do? I shall just toss their names into the air and see how they

Walker, 43, is becoming experienced at the art of captaincy now that she is in charge of a Solheim Cup team for the fourth time. "I know what to expect," Walker said. Rankin, on the other hand, is diplomacy was tested soon after her arrival at Chepstow when she was asked about apparent excessive partisanship demonstrated by Dottie Pepper in this event two years

"I have had several conversations with Dottie," Rankin, a 51-year-old former professional who now commentates on golf on American television, said. "I put it down to her having the temperament of a redhead, but she is back to blonde now and very charming. I assure you she is the staunchest of competitors, but not rude."

Rankin needs no reminding that the United States do not hold any of the Ryder, Walker or Curtis Cups and again demonstrated her diplomacy

when she said: "The fact that the Europeans hold the three other trophies only attests to the fact that our task is a tough one. I choose not to think of this as pressure on us. There are 13 of us who have a great desire not to lose.

Captaincy brings out some maternal aspects, some nursing aspects and some coaching aspects," Rankin continued. "It also involves mind games with yourself in the middle of the night about pairings. It is fun and very interesting and something I am very happy I did not miss out on in my time in golf. I have not slept well for quite a few nights."

Walker gives the appearance of enjoying uninterrupted sleep. She appears to have an iron fist well contained within a velvet glove and talks of getting to know her players'

knows what newspaper they read and what sort of jam they eat at breakfast. Films of the Europe victory at Dalmahoy four years ago are in the team room and Walker also has other techniques up her sleeve to motivate the Europe team.

She rarely seems flustered or angry and openly admits she has grown into the job. "I am flexible, easygoing but determined and decisive." Walker said of her style of captaincy.
I listen, but I make my own

decisions. Obviously, my team know a thing or two and 1 learn from them. If they convince me to do something, I will do it but, if I disagree, I will do it my way."

It will be interesting over the course of this match to see which captain prevails.

PADICEHOICE The secret of carrying on

How to Survive in Further Education. Radio 4, 8.45pm.

Further education teacher Daphne Glazer has a northerner's sense of Further education teacher Dapline Glazer has a northerner's sense of humour, sure-footed, non-nonsensical and, when other folk are not looking at her, non-sentimental. She needed all these qualities when, as she recounted last week, she survived in Nigeria during a bloody civil war and then escaped thanks to, of all things, her skill in teaching German. Tonight she tells how she survived as lecturer in English and general studies at a Hull college of further education. General studies were rooted in the belief (not hers) that non-arts students such as plumbers and fabrication and welding apprentices in maintain and welding apprentices. inevitably nicknamed fabwelds — needed to be humanised. Surely
this need was urgent in the case of the department head who used to
discourse, albeit illuminatingly, on Roman drains.

Dangerous Samples. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

John Pilkington's fantasy about Alfred Nobel, begetter of dynamite John Pilkington's lantasy about Alfred Nobel, begetter of dynamite and peace prize, has found an effective (though scarcely novel) way of dramatising the seeming contraditions in him. On his deathbed, he is transported to the underworld where a welcoming committee proves to be anything but. Jeers greet his protestations that he did not invent war but that, on the contrary, he dreamt of ending it. History still can't decide whether Nobel did more good than harm, but 'Pilkington's play finds a clever way around the dilemma. Robin Soans's disorientated Nobel is a tour de force.

Peter Davatle.

Awesome Davies is everyone's favourite

Andrew Longmore

on the popular golfer aiming to land the

big gamble with a victory for Europe

The week of the Solheim Cup has started promisingly for Laura Davies. Yesterday, in partnership with Lisa Hackney, she won a sweater of her choice off Alison Nicholas and Trish Johnson after a ferociously fought practice round, won by a hole. The previous evening, she took the caddies for a bob or two on the pool table, some reparation at least for the

£500,000 losses Davies has

owned up to in her autobiog-

raphy, published this week. Whether she can tilt the odds in favour of the Europe team is a different matter. Ladbrokes make the United States team, the Solheim Cup holders, the 4-7 favourites. with Europe at 13-8, a tempting price for a punter of Davies's bravado. As if she needed extra excitement in her life; as if her golf was not gripping enough. Take yesterday and an innocuous practice round at St Pierre.

Had the United States team. tuned into the British foursome on the 9th, a straightforward par four, their laughter would have echoed down the Severn. There is only one area of danger, a bunker and a tree on the right side of the fairway. With commendable team spirit, the four followed each other into trouble, like lemmings over a cliff -Johnson and Hackney behind the tree. Nicholas virtually unplayable at the edge of the bunker and Davies, with typical extravagance, in deep rough a yard or two further on and further right. A swift hack of those muscular forearms and the ball disappeared into a thicket

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Davies, her famed sense of humour for once deserting her, stalked up the fairway and, for want of something to do, threw a ball or two into the greenside bunker. The first splash out plopped onto the green well short of the hole. the second nearly decapitated Nicholas's caddie. Sorted that out then," she said to no one in particular. "Can't play

bunker shots either." The next hole paid for the ignominy, though. On the



smote a driver over a giant beech tree - "that's one way of doing it." Nicholas remarked - and then hit a three-wood dead straight, 20 feet short of the pin. The eagle putt missed by a whisker.

The thing about Laura is not just her length, she hits the ball so high," her caddie 540-yard par five. against a and cousin, Matthew Adams, brisk headwind. Davies said. "We can aim for targets most of the other girls cannot contemplate." It sounded like the lager advertisement, but you knew what he meant. On song. Davies plays a course so different from the rest, Adams's yardage charts would satisfy Nick Faldo. "Awesome," as Brandie Bur-

than that, she's such a good friend, I can't say anything bad about her at all." Even the prickly Dottie Pepper (former-ly Mochrie) would struggle to find the right insult.

Rarely does a great champion, particularly one with a second-hand Ferrari in the garage and an overwhelming fondness for the good life, command such universal

warmth from friend and foe alike. Greg Norman, fellow occupant of the fast lane and fellow charger on the course, excites as much envy as admiration on the men's tour. The Australian would surely love to have Davies's nerve for the big occasions.

So, doubtless, would many of the United States and Europe team members over the next few days. "Serious? Christ, yes, of course it's serious." Davies said. "No one wants to lose, but we want to enjoy it, win or lose. I think that's the key. I'm certainly

not going to cry if we lose."

Little in Davies's life could be termed serious. Liverpool losing would be serious, or being bowled for nought in one of the impromptu cricket games organised on tour. One of her dogs - Ben or Dudley -eating the new carpet might be a touch irritating. Oh, yes, and journalists can be seriously irritating, particularly when they jump on the bandwagon, take a paragraph from her book and brand her a chronic gambler and

spendthrift.

What annoys me is when people make a big thing of the gambling," she said. That makes them interested, but winning two majors doesn't."

'She is such a good friend, I can't think of anything bad to say about her

She has barely raised a mention in the golfing trade press this season, despite winning E750,000 in prize-money.

"To be honest, I couldn't give a monkey's if my picture never appears in the paper again. But I do care when they say something stupid about me," she admitted. "It doesn't fire me up. I just say next time those people want an interview, they can go and get stuffed." From one of the most approachable and eloquent people in sport, that is a rare tantrum, soon calmed.

Mickey Walker, captain of the Europe team, has described Davies as her side's Seve Ballesteros, Davies, 33 next month, will have none of it. "No one person can make that much difference in a team event. All 12 of us have to play well," she said. But, like the Spaniard, Davies is the talisman, the psychological rock of the Europe team, the one player everyone wants on their side. For the record, she is 7-2 to finish top pointsscorer for Europe, which just might be worth a bet. ☐ Laura Davies — Natural-

ly, published by Bloomsbury, £16.99.

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1.00pm We Must Get Together Some Time. Gordon Stewart Introduces a selection of excerpts from various

ensembles, featuring a number of operatic stars (2/3) 2.00 Couperin and the Viol.

Laurence Dreylus introduces
music for viols performed on
period instruments. With
Jonathan Manson, viols de
gambs, and Ketil Haugsand,
harpsichord

3.45 The BBC Orchestres, BBC
Symbols, under Drette Symphony, under Dmitri Kitaenko, With Christine Rewer, soprand, Hilary Summers, contralto, Keith Lewis, tenor, and Robert Lloyd, bass, Schrittike (Symphony No 2); Bruckner (Te Deum); Scriabin (Poeme de l'extres)

5.00 Music Machine, with Tomm Pagrson 5.15 in Tune: The Leeds International Plans Competition, Mair Nicolson Interviews Michael Rolf, a

previous winner. Plus a preview of the concerto finals on Saturday and Sunday 7.30 Halle Orchestra at the play a wide range of music from the newly-opened. Bridgewater Half in Manchester, John Adems (Stonimsky's Earbox); Thomas Ades (These

Premises are (Amed)
Debussy, an Adams (Le Livre da Baudelaire); Stravnsky
(The Rite of Spring)
9.10 Noveliste, Rachel Cusk reads from The Country Lite
9.30 La Bonne Chanson.
Includes songs by Debussy and Delais

and Delkis 18.00 Music Restored. George Pratt introduces music from the 1996 York Early Music

10.45 Night Waves. Margaret
Atwood talks to Michale
Roberts about her new novel
Alias Grace, which examines
the story behind the murder of Thomas Kinnear and his lover — one of the most notorious crimes in 19thcentury Canada, Plus a review of the world premiers

of Ashes to Ashes, a play written and directed by Harold Pinter 11.30 Composer of the Week: Bach (/) 12.30am Jazz Notes

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod RADIO 4

WORD-WATCHING ショウストルス

HEMULE

(a) A roebuck of the third year. A word of uncertain form. The Book of St Albans has hemule. Later writers (whose information seems to be entirely derived from the Book of St Albans) bave hemuse. An I and a long s are easily confused in 15th-century writing. The fawne of a Rowe is called the first yeare a kidde. the second a gyrie; the third year an hemuse

(c) A shrubby tamarisk (Tamarix indica), frequent in the marshes of the Indian rivers, and used for basket-making and other purposes. From the Hindi jhā'u. "A low, but in some places thick

HETAERIO (b) A fruit consisting of a collection of indebiscent carpels, either dry or succulent, upon a common receptacle as that of the buttercup, strawberry, raspberry, etc. From the Greek hetairos an associate. "In the raspberry and bramble we have a kind of hetaerio formed of a number of little drupes, or drupels."

JULIENNE (b) A soup made of various vegetables, especially carrots, chopped and cooked in meat broth. An eponym from some forgotten chef Jules or Julien. "The best part of a pint of julienne is very well for a man who has only one dish besides to devour."

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Nottinghamshire LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Middlesex NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkstane
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FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7:30 unless stated AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Swindon v Totanham (2 0). PONTRYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham Forest v Derby (7.0); Bolton v Leads (7.0). Leeds (7 0).
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Raynes Park Vale; Lancaster v Bamsley.
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Nantwich v Port Vale; St Albans v Waltham
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Whitstable; Farsley Cettle v Scunthorpe.

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Leading Americans immune to Loch Lomond's charms

BY MEL WEBB

THIS year European, with small American connections: one day soon, the whole wide world. The Loch Lomond World Invitational, which starts today, has lofty aspirations, and they extend all over the planet.

Lyle Anderson, the American owner of Loch Lornond Golf Club, has invested millions in his efforts to make his course one of the most beautiful and testing in the world. Unequivocally, he has succeeded. Anderson, who sounds Scottish but isn't (he is of Italian and Norwegian descent) has dug deeply into his admittedly capacious pockets to make the first big tournament to be held on the loch's bonny, bonny banks a

The criteria he laid down for those who would play leant heavily on quality. Not a brass farthing would be offered in appearance money, but there would be a big purse [£750.000], the leading 60 players in the world rankings would be invited and there

would be spots for leading senior professionals from both sides of the Atlantic. This was truly going to be a world

Except that it is not, not quite, not yet. The high-flown title of the event is not yet matched by the strength in depth of the field. Admittedly, Nick Faldo is here, so that puts a feather in Anderson's cap. but for this year the truth is that this is just another PGA European Tour event, albeit tuned up a little by a handful of American tour players. Only a dozen of the world

top 60 are present and just two of the top 20 - Faldo and Colin Montgomerie. On the credit side, only Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard

Langer are missing from last year's Ryder Cup team. On Sunday, Tim Finchem, the commissioner of the US PGA Tour, and Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, announced the formation of the PGA Tours International Federa-

tion, the main nurrose of

which would be to establish a mini-series of world championship events in which the best players would appear. Anderson would quite clearly like this tournament to be spoken of in the same breath, and will not be content until it

There was a small, strange moment at his press conference yesterday when his ambitions became crystal clear. "I'm happy about the date of the tournament, in that it comes after the other majors have been played," he said. Other majors? it may have been a slip of the tongue, but if it was, it had Freudian overtones.

Montgomerie, who continues his battle with lan Woosnam for the No I spot in the European money-list, said yesterday that he would take even par for the tournament if it were offered him, so testing was the lay-out. If the quality of the course on which a tournament is played is any criterion, this one is heading unwards, ever unwards.

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport and 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 My Name Escapes Me. Sir Alec Guinness reads his own "diary of a retiring actor" (4/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News

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3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
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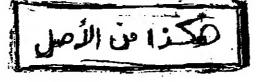
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Nation's Favourite Poems

11.00 Auril Julia and the Scriptwriter, Mario Vergas Llosa's comic novel dramatised in six parts by Lee Hall, With Torn Hollander, Siobhan Redmond, John Sessions and Alex Lowe (4/6): 11.30 Offspring (r) 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx

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Uncommon courage and indomitable will

REVIEW

Peter

Barnard

wife Esther Rantzen are what is known as a successful media couple, meaning that they are unmercifully barracked by media diarists, media analysts and of course Private Eye. But this, to amend Rod Steiger, does not make them bad people.

Until recent years, anybody reading the cuttings on Wilcox-Rantzen could be forgiven for thinking that they were running the BBC, if not the entire country. and that Rantzen, in particular. was a dreadful harridan who ranted at subordinates and terrorised Superiors.

These images always looked simplistic, to say the least, but lots of us had lots of fun while Wilcox-Rantzen, separately and together, blithely went on producing pretty good, and sometimes excellent, programmes.

So to praise a documentary which was produced and narrated

by Wilcox and contained an interview conducted by Rantzen is to invite scorn and blackballing from the Groucho Club, Oh well, I can live with that. Last night's The Visit: Rebecca's Secret (ITV) was, in the only word that fits, brilliant.

Wilcox and Rantten have been accused over the years of manipulating audience emotions. So bland has television become and so cynical are parts of the media than when a television viewer is moved nearly to tears and angered fit to shout, he or she is supposed to snap to attention, shake off these honest responses and wonder if manipulation is going on. I was moved and angered last night. If I

was manipulated, jolly good.

The story that Wilcox told concerns two people who are dead from Aids and one who soon will be. Rebecca Handel, from London, and her then husband David, a Canadian, had gone to live in Canada, where Rebecca gave birth to two children, Joshua and Bonnie. Bonnie became weak in the womb and was given a pioneering treatment, an intra-uterine blood transfusion. This was 1981, when blood could not be tested for HIV. The blood Bonnie got was infected: she acquired Aids, as did her mother and father.

There is nothing worse than that, but there is something nearly as bad. Doctors insisted that Bonnie's condition be kept secret: she was not to tell anybody. There would be a stigma, they said. Bonnie would be taunted and shunned, I expect they were right about the stigma, but surely to inflict secrecy on a little girl dying from Aids is a punishment too far. Bonnie wrote poems. Wilcox out one of them on screen: I do not like

it being a secret/ But I promised I

would keep it/ When I play I want

to say, I have HIV/ But no, it's a

secret/And I keep it to myself.

Rebecca and Bonnie and David wanted Wilcox to film the story for showing after Rebecca and Bonnie had died. Bonnie died in 1993, aged 12, Rebecca a year later, aged 36. It was Rebecca that Rantzen

> blame for her condition. Her composure was staggering and she fitted the sublime defini-

> interviewed. Here was a woman of

tremendous dignity, frustrated only because there was nobody to

tion of courage grace under pressure. But who is to blame for stigmatises a child Aids victim? Or any Aids victim? That would be a whole other programme, but I think the answer lies in a mirror. We have got our response to this disease all wrong and part of the reason is homophobia, even in cases, such as this one, where

This is a disgraceful state of affairs and in a scintillating hour last night Desmond Wilcox demonstrated the extent of the shame we should feel without even raising the matter directly. Challenging television is the best kind, and Were it not for The Visit, the pick

homosexuals are not involved.

of last night's viewing would have been the start of a series called Decisive Weapons (BBC2). Not the least of the assets of this series is that its title is self-explanatory, ra-ther than having been thought up

be attending Puns Anonymous.

The first programme featured

the T-34, which is not a rap band but a tank. A tank? The tank. The T-34 stopped Hitler's eastward advance into the former Soviet Union almost on its own, culminating in the Battle of Kursk in 1943, a confrontation so intense that at times opposing tanks were ramming each other.

am fond of massive weapons such as tanks, submarines and L battleships. Dear me, what have I said now? What I mean is that these great machines are awesome in the classic sense; merely by their existence they represent a certainty. They brook no argu-

The impressive thing about this programme was what it had to say, by implication, about high-tech weaponry. The T-34 was simple it was hig; fast and shells

bounced off it. Hitler ranged against it an increasingly techno-complex generation of tanks which took too long to build and were fiddly to operate.

And then there was the workforce. In the Soviet Union, an entire nation came together to work like stink to build tanks. They turned out 15,000 T-34s in 1943 alone, whereas Hitler's factories could only produce 6,000 Tigers that year. The Soviet workforce, which included girls so young they had to stand on boxes to reach the workbench, were

working for their very lives. They preferred Stalin, the despot they knew, to Hitler, the despot they didn't. They sent out from their factories a weapon that could mow down trees the way a Flymo mows down grass. The T-34 was fuelled by the will of the people, the most decisive weapon of all.

Matthew Bond is away

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (10819) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (34890) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (9251839) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1106345) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (10635) 11.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (4495277) 11.05 International Golf. Coverage of the first

morning's play in the Loch Lomand invitational competition (32518364) 1.00pm News and weather (Ceelex) (44277) 1.30 Regional News (45075155) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (32416074)

2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (8081567) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1610345) 3.00 The Terrace (s) (7987) 3.30 Little Bear (s) (8571987) 3.55 The Chipmanks (r) (s) (8904906) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harrist Hyde (Ceefax) (s) (6066451) 4.35 Clarissa Explains it All (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4624722) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7714838) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (Ceefax) (2354797)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (164345) 6.00 News and weather (Ceetax) (529) 6.30 Regional news magazines (109)

7.00 Wetchdog. Consumer magazine hosted by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (6068) 7.30 EastEnders. Ian and Cindy battle over the children (Ceetax) (a) (203)

8.00 Animal Hospital. New ver Andrea Kealey, originally from New Zealand, has been working for four months and has already come face to face with a tortoise for the first time, been bitten by a harnster and carried out her first Caesarean operation (Ceetso) (s) (8616)

8.30 The Helio Girls. Pormie, fed up with the staid music which switchboard super-visor Miss Amitage makes them sing in the GPO choir, decides to set up her own group — the Teletones. With Lettis Dean (Ceeled) (s) (2221)

9.00 News; regional news and weather

9.30 The X Files: Paper Clip. An old photograph helps Mulder and Scully to unearth an ugly truth that reveals a dark secret that Mulder's father was trying to protect him from (Ceefax) (s) (861426)

10.15 They Think It's All Over. Nick Hancock comperes a game of wit and sporting knowledge with a difference. Team captains Gary Lineker and David Gower are joined by regulars Flory McGrath and Lee Hurst. Tonight's special guests are Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardener and Allstair McGowan (Ceetax) (s) (3) 3548)

10.45 You Decide. Jeremy Paymen hosts a studio discussion on a topical issue. Last in the series (s) (452567)

11.40 FILM: The Group (1966) starring Candice Bergen, Joan Heckett, Elizabeth Hartman, Shirley Knight, Joanna Pettet and Mary-Robin Redd. Powerful emotional drama adapted from Mary McCarthy's novel, following eight friends who graduate from an elite college in 1933, and whose lives take very different directions over the coming years. Directed by Sidney Lumet (68738797) 2.05am-2.10 Weather (5287575)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Plastics Under Pressure (2122345) 6.25 Detabase Developments (2134180) 6.50 Missing the Meaning? (9249123)

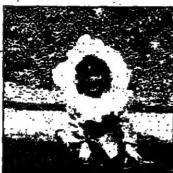
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2.10 International Golf. Live coverage from the Loch Lornand World: Invitational competition (s), includes News at 3.00pm and 3.55pm (10948884) 6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (522722)

6.45 Kicking and Screaming. Club chairmen, talevision moguls, hoofigers and fans look back at the developments within the garne over the last decade. Last in series (r) (Ceetax) (s) (584513) 7.30 The Food Chain. Concluding the three-

part series looking at what we eat. Janck Robinson looks at how genetic enginear-ing has given food technologists the power to manipulate nature and develop new plants and animals that would never have arisen naturally (s) (635)



Rosemary Scott Smith (8,00pm)

8.00 Picture This: Album. Gillian Lacey attempts to trace the history of a family photograph about deting back before the First World War (Ceetax) (s) (6258) N.J. Room For Improvement

8.30 Top Gear. Till Needell road-basts the Boxster, the first new Porsche for almost 20 years (Ceelax) (s) (8093) 9.00 Neverwhere: Knightsbridge.

Richard Mayhew searches for Door and the Marquis, who hold the key to his return to his old life (Ceefax) (s) (1432) The System: The Nature of The Beast (Ceslax) (88600) 10.30 Newsnight Ceefax) (239074) 11.15 The Late Review (s). Followed by

W (853567) 12.00 The Limit: Tricklest Tunnel, (21846) 12,30em Open University: Changes in Rural Society: Pledmont and Sicily (58682) 1,30 Art and the Left (88204) 2,00 FETV Short Cuts: Job Seeking and Inter-views (72827) 4.00 Now You're Talking/Poetry of the Nation/Bon Mot: Short Cuts: Job Se

CHOICE *

Taggart: Dead Man's Chest fTV, 9.00pm The title of the latest Taggart thriller may prepare you for a homage to Treasure Island but perhaps not this big a homage. As if a hotel called the Admiral Benhow, a blind man, pirates and rumours of buried loot were not enough, there is a bookshop called Treasure Islands run by, wait for it, a Robert Stevenson. Only Long John Silver is missing, though with two more episodes to go there is plenty of time. But the story is far from being a pastiche. The borrowings from R.L. S. are smoothly integrated into a typically tough and teasing scenario about a 15-year-old bullion robbery which returns to the police agenda when the ringleader is released from

prison. The clues are commingly laid out and the viewer is always alread of the detectives.

Canterbury Tales Channel 4, 9.00pm

Ian Hislop begins a three-part survey of the Church of England in the 20th century. Church of England in the 20th century. Although he is a practising Anglican, he does not pull punches. But nor, despite being Editor of Private Eye, does he resort to mockery. This is a serious attempt to explore why the national Church has had increasingly less influence over the nation. A recurring Histop theme is the gap between the clergy, public school and Oxbridge educated, and ordinary people. Attempts to reach out into the urban sturns were well-meaning but often patronising. In the First meaning but often patronising. In the First World War Anglican chaplains struggled to find common ground with disillusioned soldiers. Hislop's clergy heroes are men who went against the grain, such as "Woodbine Willie", war hero and Christian socialist, and Conrad Noel, who raised the Red Flag in his Essex village church.

The System: The Nature of The Beast

With its annual budget of £90 billion, the: Department of Social Security is the biggest spender in Whitehall, Peter Lilley, Secretary determined to cut it. But, as the first in a five part series about the British welfare state shows, this is easier said to a receptive Conservative Party conference than done. whose wartime report inspired the system are no longer valid. He did not allow for high unemployment, one million lone parents or the rapidly growing number of pensioners. The cameras follow Lilley as he looks for magic solutions and fails to find them. To his credit he refuses a Civil Service suggestion on creative accounting. Another party conference looms and he nervously rehearses his speech, coached by communications expert Lord Archer of

Never Mind the Horrocks Channel 4, 10.00pm

Jane Horrocks as Marlene Dietrich is underneath the lamplight, singing Lilli Marlene, when the light goes out. The light comes back on and then the lamppost falls over. If this tickles you, you should enjoy this Horrocks-centred assembly of sketches and Horrocks-centred assembly of sketches and parodies. If not, try the Jame Austen spoof, the namyish children's television presenter from the black and white days or Cilla Black reporting from Bosnia. Two seasoned comedy hands, Martin Chunes and Rehecca. Front, provide expert support, If the point of the exercise was to show that Horrocks is capable of a range wider than willcan woman. capable of a range wider than willowy young women with Lancashire accents, it succeeds beyond argument. But despite Horrocks's versatility, and the formidable writing team behind her, the overall result is no better

6.00mm GMTV (9924567)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7150600) 9.55 Regional News (Teleted) (3899161) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2577109) 10,35 This Morning (64392345)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (8429172) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (517068) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (153890) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (311703)

7.00 Emmerdale. Robert is caught out by Serah, Kathy demands the truth from Seen and things get peinful for Kim (Teletext) (7364)

7.30 The Big Story. Demot Murraghan reveals the tragic yet uplifting story of Annie Lindsell, who at 45 is suffering from cresping paralysis and is determined to get the law changed so her doctors can and her life when she feels the time is right (s) (161)

8.00 The Bill. PC Quinnan faces a bettle of wite (Teletect) (6664) 8.30 Schoffeld's TV Gold. Phillip Schoffeld

erjectates the virtues of health, filness and the great outdoors with this week's collection at classic television moments (Teletext) (s) (2819)



James Macpherson (9.00pm)

Taggert: Dead Man's Chest (Teletext) (s) (1890) 10.00 News and weather (Teleted) (24884) 10.30 Regional News (Telstext) (446616) 10.40 The West Story: Circling the City.
Examing the lives and livelihoods of the owner and the taxi drivers of an Asjan-run

private hire company in Bristol (170155) 11.10 FILM: Brotherhood of the Gun (1991) with Brian Bloom, Jamie Rose and Jorge Cervera Jr. Zach Hollister, a Civil wer hero forms an unlikely alliance with a town's petrlach, McBride. When McBride's son is kldnapped. Zach and the local sheriff join forces to track down the culprits Directed by Vern Gillium (532432)

12.35am Not Fade Away (1563488) 1.35 Customs Classified (2220594) 3.20 Customs Classified (2220594) 3.20 Late & Loud (r) (4853533) 4.15 Sound is (55320223) 4.30 The Tin Place (r) (s) (56117) 5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (24020) 5.30 News

HTV WALES As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (311703) 7.30-8.00 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (161)

10.46 The Ferret. The first of a new consumer advice series (170155) 11.16 A Sporting Double (662659)

12.10am The Big Story (1918195) La evenceum em

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1.25-1.55 Quisine (68028529) 1.55 Home and Away (51246857) 2.25 Vanessa (97787109) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1625277)

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in a woman's world (97788838) 2.50-3.20 High Road (7893906)

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11.10 Revelations (803987) 11.40 Crime Story (211567) 12.40am Good Advice (5360372) 12.45 Planet Rock Profiles (45020) 1.15 Funny Business (8283594)

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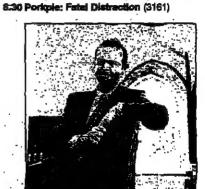
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5.00 Eerie Indiana(r) (Teletext) (151432) 6.25 Boy Meets World (s) (Teletext) (169451) 6,55 Fresh Pop (s) (939567) 7.00 Channel 4 News and weather(713432)

7.50 Books of the Century (s) (771890) 8.00 Inside Out. Jackle Rotherham is a midwife and disabled mother who has created a unique post for herself at the Liverpool Women's Hospital (8426)



ian Histop on the C of E (9.00pm)

Canterbury Tales, lan Histop takes a fresh look at the history of the Church of England throughout the 20th century (s) (Teletext)

Never Mind the Horrocks. Jane Horrocks stars in her own new, one-off programme (s) (Teletext) (543258)

10.50 FILM: Life is Sweet (1990) staring Allson Steadman, Jim Broadbent, Timothy Spall, Jene Horrocks and Claire Skinner. Black comedy about an ordinary couple struggling to cope with their own problems as well as those of their grownup daughters. Directed by Mike Leigh (s) etext) (44795258)

12.45 FILM: Party Girl (1958) sterring Robert Taylor as a lewyer who has semed his fortune as a mouthpiece for mobsters. Finally he decides to go straight, for the love of Cyd Charlese. Directed by Nicholas Ray (895830)

2.35 FILM: The Good Die Young (1954, b/w). British sim not starring Laurence Harvey as an amoral, psychotic playboy who incites three men to commit a mailvan robbery, which goes badly wrong. Directed by Lewis Gilbert (221136) 4.25 FILM: Dr Socrates (1935, b/w) starring Paul Muni as a doctor who becomes involved with gargatiers when they break into his home seeking treatment. With Grace Stafford (7325681). Ends at 5.35am

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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7.00em Undur (87905) \$.00 Priss Your Luck (7351906) \$.20 Love Connector (8503797) \$.45 Oprah Winton (1987567) 10.40 Jeoparphi (8464258) 11.10 Sally-Jeog Rapinal (8236727) 12.00 Geratio (94109) 1.00pm Animal Practice (80032) 1.30 Designang Women (74345) 2.00 Jenny Arnes (41616) 3.00 Court TV (3703) 3.30 Operat Western (1991) (90) 4.18 Lecture (1991) (90) 4.18 Lecture (1991) (2014) 7.30 MASH (1838) 8.00 Through the helpitole (442) 8.30 Southenders (3547) 9.00 The Secrets of the K-Hore (20548) 10.00 Oughtum Loop (2003) 11.00 High-tander (9000) 12.00 Midmight Caser (9000) 10.00m LAPD (4339) 1.20 Western Concernant MO(65488) 2.00 Hit Met (200952) SKY 2

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SKY MOVIES 6.05art The Spy, with My Fece (1966) (16157567) 8.00 Flying Down to Rio (1933) 82063 10.00 Windwalter (1960) (1939) 12.00 Demay (1979) (55619) 2.00pm Cold River (1962) (14987) 4.00 The Man Who Wouldn't Die (1963) (9967) 6.00 Follow the River (1995) (876C5109) 7.40 US Tep Ten (512074) 8.00 Top Dog (1994) (50451) 9.30 The Movie Show (80906) 10.00 Robin Cook's Formula for Duella (1986) (447425) 11.35 FB De Amything (1994) (230639) 1.35em (ling Dueld (1985) (516372) 3.25-4.00 Surviving the Game (1994) (62077310) SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Father of the Bride (1960) (59161)
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SKY SPORTS 2 #.00pm Toht Lines (#958109) #.00 Span-ish Football (#659797) 10.30 Inside the PGA Tour (#760797) 11.00 Bobby Charton's Football Satesbook (#099722) 12.90-1.00pm Blook, Swest and Glory (5140399)

SKY SPORTS 3

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Leicestershire encouraged by coincidence

RAYMOND ILLINGWORTH had his feet up in Farsley yesterday, retirement evidently suiting him fine. He still needs little persuasion to talk cricket, however, and he recalled the events of 21 summers ago with clarity and affection. Captaining Leicestershire to win the county championship, said Illingworth, was up there with the

proudest moments of his career. It also remains, of course, the proudest moment in Leicester-shire's 117-year history, for they had never won the title previously and they have not won it since. This, however, is surely about to change as the 1996 side begins its final game, against Middlesex at Grace Road today, requiring no

achievement of 1975. Surrey, at home to Worcestershire, and Kent, who play at Bristol, can only hope for an improbable collapse in sight of the winning-post.

There are parallels to be drawn between the Leicester generations. Both teams were led by a Yorkshireman, James Whitaker taking the modern Illingworth role. and both had other Yorkshiremen in the background. Chris Balderstone and Jack Birkenshaw were senior professionals in the 1975 team, whereas Birkenshaw is now team manager and has the Keigh-ley-born Phil Robinson as second-

Both could also be thought unglamorous sides. Certainly, the England selectors believed as much, for the 1975 team suffered no be picked either this summer or for

Illingworth recalls with pleasure the transformation at Leicester in the early 1970s. "When I went there from Yorkshire, we started with absolutely nothing," he said. "But, within three years, we were winning things and then for five or six seasons we were the best side in the

"In 1975 we not only won the championship and the Benson and Hedges Cup, which was then a unique double, we also beat the Australian touring team. The secret of our side was that we had a number of older players who were very good pros. They brought the younger blokes along so that they learnt the basics of how to behave.

Test calls and Alan Mullally is the only member of the present staff to educated in self-discipline, which I think was very important."

Among the young men who made their initial appearances that summer were Paddy Clift, the Zimbabwean who died tragically and poignantly a fortnight ago, and a precocious David Gower. Those in the upper-age bracket included Graeme McKenzie, one of Australia's gentler, wiser exports, and Ken Higgs, one of Lancashire's

most explosive. There was Brian Davison, one of

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the most exciting batsmen of his time, and John Steele, one of the most obdurate; also, two men who a gracious tribute. are now international umpires, Balderstone and Barry Dudleston.

Balderstone was among the last of the double sportsmen and, on the second evening of the game in which Leicestershire secured the title, he played football for Doncaster Rovers, returning to cricket the following morning to complete a century.

Illingworth's team contained four spin bowlers, who shared 162 championship wickets in 1975. The focus of Whitaker's side is the seam attack of Alan Mullally and David Millns. "I told Mullally the other day that there is no way his attack would have been bowling sides out for 150 on the Grace Road pitches of the 1970s," chuckled Illingworth.

"They were too good." He wishes them well today, though, and offers

All credit to them. They have played enterprising cricket all year. scoring plenty of runs as well as bowling sides out, and Whitaker has got a very good response from

Whitaker joined Leicestershire in 1983, when support had diminished and those who did attend bemoaned the loss of the great days under Illingworth. He has played through plenty of disappointments since then, not least his own failure to secure more than one England cap, but to win the championship in his first season as captain would make up for everything.

"We will win the championship and we shall do so in style," he said yesterday. Middlesex, being a team

odds are stacked in the leaders' favour. The weather forecast is poor, suggesting an interrupted four days, and even if they were to lose, either Surrey or Kent must win, probably with full bonus points, to deprive them.

Simmons holds key Gravency's ambition

One final coincidence which Whitaker may care to broadcast during one of the huddles in which his players ritually indulge: the final home game of Leicestershire's 1975 programme was also against Middlesex, and it was won by eight

Lee's search for manager ends

Bassett poised to take over at Maine Road

BY DAVID MADDOCK

MANCHESTER City will today end their long, and at times painful, search for a manager with the appointment of Dave Bussett, Francis Lee, the chairman, is expected to call a press conference at which Bassett, the manager of Crystal Palace, will be unveiled.

The news will come as a huge relief to the legion of City supporters who have looked on in something approaching sheer horror as their club has

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successor to Alan Bali, sacked four weeks ago, to farcical levels. Lee acted swiftly to end Ball's reign after poor results early in the new season, a season in which City found themselves in the Nationwide League first division. It quickly transpired, however, that

appoint a successor. Lee tried - and failed - to tempt George Graham and Howard Kendall to Maine Road, before settling on

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the club had no immediate

contingency plan in place to

Bassett. Even there, though, there were problems, and it seemed that only talks late into last night resolved the

Ron Noades, the chairman of Crystal Palace, had initially refused permission for City to speak to his manager, which left the club in a desperate position yesterday. Lee knew that his own position was on the line if he failed to appoint a new manager quickly after a humiliating 4-1 defeat at Lin-coln City in the Coca-Cola Cup

on Tuesday evening. But Bassett himself had a meeting with Noades that stretched late into last evening, and the pair appeared to which will allow him to make the journey to Manchester to

take up the appointment. Bassett will become Manchester City's sixth manager in as many years, and Lee admitted that the appointment must this time be the right one. He would, he confessed recently, have to consider his own position as chairman if he failed to deliver a manager this time who will bring the success the club's

patient supporters crave. On the appointment of Ball. he said that a chairman would also stand or fall on the performance of the manager, and just 24 hours before finally resolving his search for a successor, by appointing Bassen, he said: "If my next managers is a failure, then I might have to quit too."

Bassett was initially targeted when Graham first declined the offer, with Lee still furious over the former Arsenal manager's behaviour in announcing that he was interested in the job. Lee felt this was merely to advertise the fact that he was ready to resume his managerial career.

Bassett was genuinely interested in the job, but even then he held reservations about the size of the task he would face on entering Maine Road. At 52. Bassett knows this will

Asa Hartford, centre, the Manchester City caretaker manager, watches grim-faced as his team are humiliated 4-1 at Lincoln on Tuesday almost certainly be his last job in football, and he wants it to be a successful one. chasers. He is sure to make sweeping

with the first task perhaps being the most delicate one. Bassett has yet to be convinced about Gheorghe Kinkladze the idol of the supporters and must decide whether he is a bankable asset or the key to City's promotion chances. There would be no shortage

changes to his playing staff.

of buyers - Arsenal. Celtic and a host of foreign clubs, including Internazionale. have all expressed an interest. Lee himself has said that he would have to be slung from the rafters of Maine Road before he would allow the Georgian to leave.

He was, however, missing from the side against Lincoln in the Coca-Cola Cup - which immediately led to speculation

that he was left out so as not to don, apparently joining City be cup-tied for potential pur-

Bassett, it seems, has already influenced one incoming transfer, with Andy Thorn, a former player under his managership at Wimble-



Lee: vital appointment

on a month's loan from Heart of Midlothian. His next signing will be another Bassett old boy Simon Tracey, the Sheffield United goalkeep-

The new manager has been told that he will allowed free rein at Maine Road, with the only demand that he deliver promotion back to the FA Carling Premiership, preferably within one season. He will

be given at least £5 million to spend on players. Bassett has been in charge at Selhurst Park for just seven months, but in that time he guided the club from the lower reaches of the first division to the play-offs, where they lost to Leicester City.

Providing that there are no last minute hitches, then Lee has got his man, It remains to

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Mark Jones, the former Neath No 8 capped 14 times by Wales before joining Hull

Rugby League Club, is poised

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Rowell suffers in war of words

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE discordant sounds emerging yesterday from English rugby union's rival factions gave no indication that peace is likely to break out as a result of the most recent behind-the-scenes discussions. The bitterness is increasing, with the Scottish authorities not far behind.

The intervention of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) on the Scottish scene at the weekend. when it offered to bankroll leading Scottish dubs, has prompted considerable criticism from Freddie McLeod. the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) president, while remarks by Donald Kerr, the Eprue chairman, have been labelled "irrational and unhelpful" by Rugby Football

Union (RFU) representatives. Some of those close to the power struggle in England believe that the differences between the RFU progressives and the Epruc moderates are wafer-thin. If so, it is time for the two wings of their respective parties to make their views heard, to ward off the chance of an acrimonious split that cannot easily be healed. Several members of Eprue notably in the second division, admit privately that a breakaway from the RFU is not the way forward.

The immediate consequence of the mutual mudslinging is the continued disruption of England squad preparations. Already, two training dates have passed, and the one next Wednesday is now in doubt, to the frustration of Jack Rowell, the England coach, who had hoped to announce a new

training squad this week. Cliff Brittle, the RFU executive committee chairman, has been accused by Kerr of "undermining" the peace pro-

refuses to state categorically that international-squad players will be released. The RFU gave us certain

undertakings and, in return, we agreed to release the players to try and take things forward on an amicable hasis." Kerr said. "We hoped for an amicable parting of the

Australia's quest

ways on October 11, but it looks like being acrimonious rather than friendly."

His remarks were described as misleading by Brittle and Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary. "The RFU are seeking a resolution to this dispute and will continue to do so," they said in a joint statement. "Donald Kerr's reaction is irrational and unhelpful. If Eprue want to

Newport. A transfer fee has been agreed with his present club, Warrington.

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